



Super Wal-Mart comes to Pass

Hundreds turn out for the grand opening of Pass Christian's newest store.

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Born in Nancy's Flat

Former deputy Willie Lee remembers his old home in our 'Lost Communities' series.

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Chamber After Hours at Coast Electric

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce After Hours for June takes place today, Thursday, at 5 p.m. at Coast Electric Power Association - Main Street Conference Room.

Hope Haven annual Yard Sale needs you

Hope Haven will host a yard sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12 at the law office of Elise Epperson & Assoc., 841 Hwy. 90, BSL. Will accept all donated items. For donations, call 466-9597. You can deliver to the law office, or call for pick-up. Pick-ups are limited.

Greater Mt. Zion AME to host Homecoming

Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 16223 3rd St. in Pearlington, will host its annual Homecoming Day this Sunday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. F.L. Fields. Looking for choirs, groups and soloists to perform.

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Plan could be challenged in chancery court

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis City Council passed an ordinance Tuesday to annex a vast area between Highway 603, the Jourdan River, and westward to beyond Interstate 10.

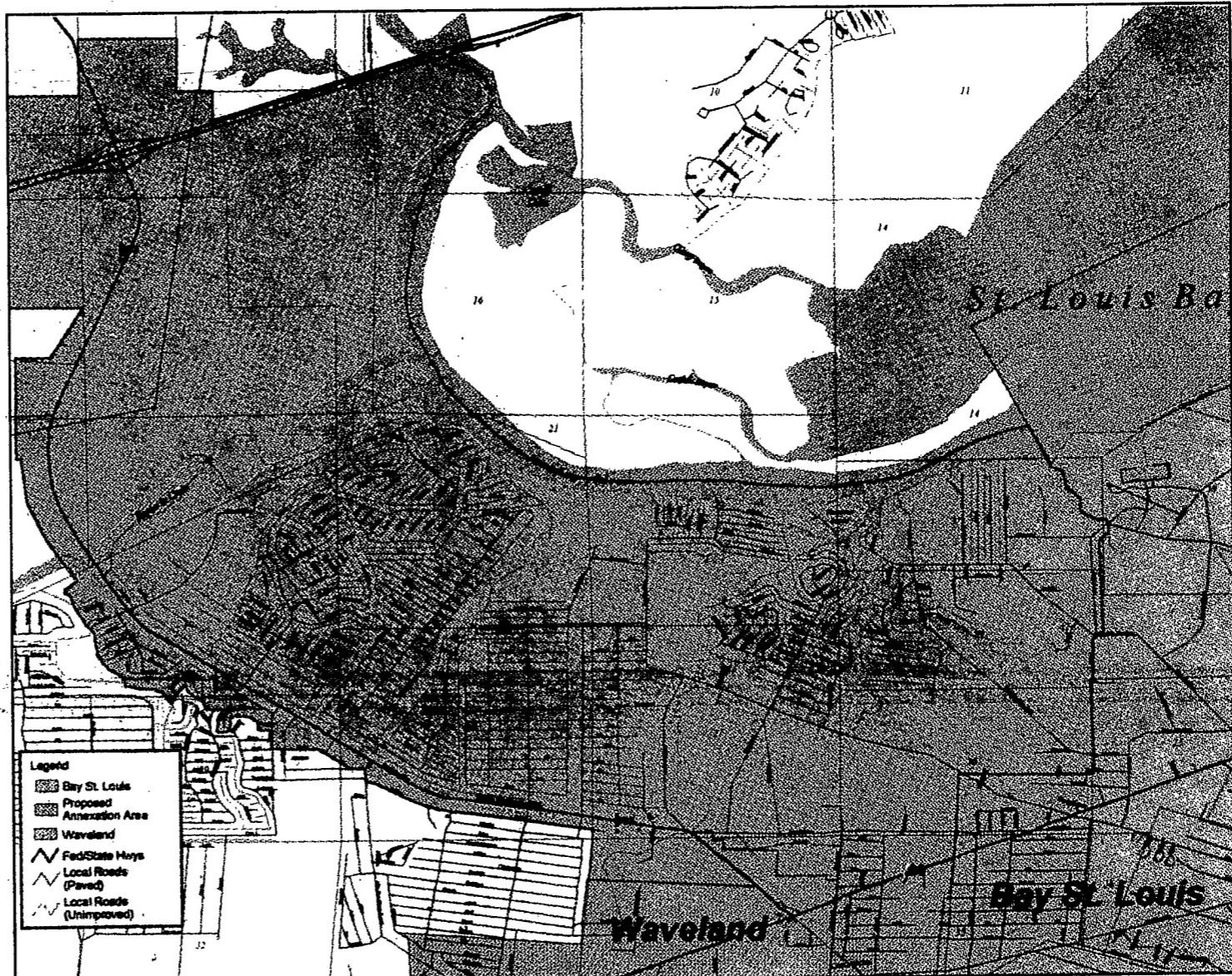
The annexation, subject to chancery court approval, would sweep Garden Isles, much of Shoreline Park, and Jourdan River Estates subdivisions into the city limits.

It also would bring both sides of the Highway 603 commercial corridor into the city's boundaries, giving Bay St. Louis a huge new tax base territory. Also of major significance, the annexation would put the largely undeveloped intersection of Highway 603 and Interstate 10 within the corporate boundary.

"God be with us," said Ward 1 council member Doug Seal, anticipating controversy and challenges to the city's move, as well as the potentially protracted and expensive court procedures ahead.

Full details of a major study leading up to Tuesday night's decision were not immediately available publicly. But, officials said the annexation would:

- Add 4,000 residents to the 8,200 citizens now in Bay St. Louis' boundaries.
- Perhaps double the physical size of the city.
- Double the 65-to-70 miles of streets and roadways in the city limits.
- Require tax revenues equivalent to 8.2 mills to provide services to the new territory.
- Require an additional one or two council members to be elected; and a citywide redistricting to shape new ward boundaries.
- Dramatically lower fire



A base map prepared by the firm Bridge & Slaughter LLC, City, County and Regional Planning Consultants, detailing the area the city of Bay St. Louis is proposing to annex. The proposed annexation area includes vast territory between Hwy. 603, the Jourdan River and west to I-10.



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'Some people will be tickled to death with (annexation plans) and some people will be very upset.'

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Counselor-in-training Michael Roy, 16, counts up 15-year-old Justin Oncala's points after an archery session at Camp Stanislaus. Roy is the son of Jordan and Lauren Roy of Diamondhead. Oncala is the son of David and Connie Coyne of Schriever, La.

Section of Waveland beach closed again

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

A second advisory notice was issued this weekend by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality against beach use in Waveland between Vacation Lane to the West and Favre St. to the East because of a high bacteria count in samples. Another advisory was issued the previous weekend.

The problem has been traced to decaying plant and vegetable mate-

rial further upstream of the drainage area, said Mayor Tommy Longo at Monday's Board of Alderman's meeting. Locally heavy rains have flushed out the material causing a high bacteria count, he said, but it is not a fecal type bacteria.

Lloyd Sharp at the Department of Environmental Quality said that though plant material deterioration can contribute to the overall

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Pass Christian Wal-Mart draws cheering shoppers

Supercenter hands out over \$15,000 to local groups

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Rock concerts pale in comparison to the grand opening of the Pass Christian Wal-Mart Supercenter.

By 7:30 Wednesday morning, a cheering crowd of Wal-Mart "groupies" filled the parking lot near the food center entrance.

Oldies bellowed through loud speakers as blue-smocked employees mingled with eager shoppers.

The crowd cheered as the new store's managers and administrators stepped onto the stage draped in red, white and blue.

Festivities began with a prayer for the store, the community, the shoppers, the managers and the employees. A mother and son duo sang an emotionally charged "Star Spangled Banner."

Wal-Mart officials then

passed out over \$15,000 to local organizations.

As the speeches and presentations progressed, the anticipation for the doors to open grew. When the moment finally arrived, patrons poured into the cool store out of the summer's heat to find polished floors and smiling employees.

Nick Scurfield, an 18-year-old Long Beach resident, was possibly the first customer to make a purchase. He and his two spirited friends, Jason Vitosky and Ryan Dapremont, had been camping out in front of the store in lawn chairs since 5 a.m.

"We love Wal-Mart," Scurfield said shortly after proudly displaying his purchase — a pack of Icebreakers gum — to fellow shoppers. Dapremont followed Scurfield with a purchase of orange Tic Tacs.

Martha Ervin, of Long

Beach, also pronounced her love for the conglomerate.

"I live at Wal-Mart," she said. "This is my favorite store."

"We call her Wal-Martha," said Colleen Overton, Ervin's sister.

The siblings attended the grand opening to show their support for the new establishment and to shop for Ervin's daughter's wedding.

Tommy Fox, a co-manager of Wal-Mart, appreciated the support local shoppers showed during the grand opening ceremony.

"We had an excellent crowd this morning," he said. "We've had good traffic flow all day today."

Fox said the patrons also responded well to the store's physical appearance and landscaping.

The Pass Christian store is one of few in the nation that sports the color scheme of beige and green.



Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins
Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald speaks to a cheerful crowd Wednesday morning during Wal-Mart Supercenter's grand opening. The eager shoppers filled the parking lot in front of the food center entrance.

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(Left) Martha Ervin, right, and her sister Colleen Overton shop for Ervin's daughter's wedding.

(Above) Cheetos' spokescheetah, Chester, runs the isles with a buggy full of cheesy snacks for patrons.

(Below) Wal-Mart employees Brenda Jones, Annette Addison and Tracy Welch listen as a mother and son duo sings the national anthem.



(Left) From left are Jason Vitosky, Ryan Dapremont, Nick Scurfield and a Wal-Mart cashier. The young men were among the first customers to make a purchase.

(Bottom) Mayor Billy McDonald cuts the ribbon.



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Gulfside Assembly eyes senior housing project

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Architect Allison Anderson thinks that when residents of a Waveland neighborhood understand the nature of a senior housing project proposed by Gulfside Methodist Assembly, they will have a more positive attitude toward the project. Anderson was to present plans and drawings for the project at a June 23 public hearing, but that will be delayed due to the illness of Gulfside's director Marion Martin.

Martin said on Wednesday that Gulfside planned to host several public get-togethers to gather public input. She said she would like to hold the first of these later next week to present some preliminary plans and give people a chance to ask questions in an informal setting. She has tentatively set a meeting time for Thursday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at Gulfside. Please call 467-4909 to confirm the date.

The project will eventually require approval of a zoning change from R-1 single family residential to R-3 multifamily residential to proceed further. A 25 acre tract of property owned by Gulfside located at Sears Ave., South and Brown Streets is the proposed location.

"But we are a long way from building anything there," said Martin. "We are just in the planning phase

and this project is just one part of a \$17 million multi-phase 10 year growth plan that Gulfside has. Being a faith based, community oriented organization, we want to stress that this and all our projects are for the improvement of the community and we want community input on this project."

One thing that has been decided is the name for the senior dwellings. The project will be called Rometta's Place, for Rometta Roberts, who was active at the Methodist Assembly until her recent death at 94. Her husband was one of the founders of Gulfside 80 years ago in August.

One thing Anderson wants to make sure people understand, she said, is that Rometta's Place is a long term commitment and that Gulfside will be required to maintain the property for a minimum of 40 years as a part of their agreement with the United States Department of Urban Development (HUD).

Sam Lytle, of ABP and Assoc. in Atlanta who is working with Gulfside as a consultant to HUD confirmed Anderson's statement.

Because Gulfside has applied for \$2,242,000 in Federal HUD grant funds to build the project, Lytle said, they will be bound to an agreement with the agency which requires owners to commit to provide low income senior housing (for persons 62 and older) at the site for a period of at least 40 years.

But an agreement with HUD is not what will make Gulfside commit to Rometta's Place, said Martin. This is church property and we cannot sell it. And Rometta's Place will fill a need in the community for affordable senior housing. Identifying and filling the needs of the community is what a faith based organization is all about, she said.

The first phase will include 36 one bedroom apartments which will house a maximum of 56 people and provide senior housing, not assisted living, Anderson said. More units may be added later which would include minimum assistance units, she said, but nothing is planned at this time.

The people living here will be active members of the community, Anderson said. Parking will all be off street and the grounds will include many green areas. Units will be energy efficient and designed to blend in with the architectural design of the neighborhood with porches and outdoor garden areas. The project will all be ground level, one story units, she said.

At Monday night's Board of Aldermen meeting Mayor Tommy Longo said that though the city totally supports the efforts of the Gulfside Assembly Retreat on Beach Blvd., the city is not taking a stand to support this project, which the city sees as completely separate from the retreat.

He said that he wanted

to make it clear the city had not committed dollars to the project. He said he understood that Anderson had gone on record saying that Gulfside had such a commitment. Longo said he had spoken with Martin about the misunderstanding. Martin confirmed this on Wednesday saying she regretted any public confusion.

Longo further said he felt that the existing infrastructure in the area would not support a project of this size and that he would make his opinion official in the form of a letter to the Planning and Zoning Board.

When contacted Anderson said she never meant to say that the city had endorsed the project. The commitment she was speaking of, she said, was in the form of a letter dated June 2001, a letter which was a response to the Stewardship and Growth Plan presented to the city at that time, outlining Gulfside's plans for the future. The letter states the city's commitment to apply for a \$600,000 CDBG Grant which would be used to improve the infrastructure of Brown St, Anderson said.

The street was to be improved so that it could be used as an evacuation route for the beach area around Gulfside Assembly.

Drainage work was also proposed, she said. The Growth Plan also included a future senior housing project on the property in question, Anderson said, though no specific plans were proposed at that time.

Longo disagrees, however, and says he does not know where Anderson got that figure. A CDBG Grant would not be appropriate for this type of improvement, he said. A Small Cities

Grant might be appropriate, Longo said, but these grants are capped at \$300,000.

Gulfside Assembly Retreat is a faith based, Methodist retreat that provides many services to the community and visitors, including transitional housing to those in need on the retreat grounds.

"This project is just our response to a need we saw in our aging community," said Martin.



Kiwanis Club honors law enforcement

The Kiwanis Club of Hancock County honored four local law enforcement officials at one of their recent meetings. The officials were chosen by their superiors for their outstanding service during the administrative year of 2002. The recipients were each presented with a \$50.00 gift certificate and a certificate recognizing their valuable service. Pictured above from left to right is Captain Joe Herrin from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Bobby Glenn Grice, Mississippi State Highway Patrol, Jay Lagasse, Chairman, Community Services Committee of the Kiwanis Club, Lt. Tom Burleson, Bay St. Louis Police Department and Sgt. Brent Anderson, Waveland police Department.

Hutcherson gets five years

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

District Attorney Cono Caranna, has announced that Rickie Edward Hutcherson, 26, 7 Rolling Oaks Road, Picayune, was sentenced on Monday, June 16, to serve five years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Hutcherson pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance with the intent to deliver, Oxycodone and Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine before Circuit Court Judge Jerry O. Terry, the

report said. Hutcherson was indicted by the Hancock County Grand Jury in September, 2002, following his November, 2001 arrest by Agent Laura Stepro of the Waveland Police Department.

Hutcherson's arrest stemmed from a shoplifting investigation at Wal-Mart in which he was attempting to steal over the counter drugs used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Agents from the former Hancock County Drug Task Force developed further information which revealed

the oxycodone and methamphetamine, Caranna said.

In addition, Hutcherson was also investigated by federal drug enforcement officials and was sentenced to serve time in the federal prison system. As part of his sentence, the court will order the forfeiture of \$5,100 seized from Hutcherson during the investigation.

The monies will be distributed among the drug enforcement teams in Hancock County to be used to further drug enforcement efforts, Caranna said.

Sexual battery suspect arrested

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Hancock County resident indicted by a Grand Jury in December 2002, was arrested last week by Hancock County deputies, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

"Louis G. Ellis, Jr., 31, was arrested by Sgt. Danny Gilkerson and Deputy

David Dear and charged with sexual battery," Interim Hancock County Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt said Tuesday.

"The incident involving an 11-year-old girl occurred in October 2001 and I took the report of the alleged sexual battery on Nov. 9, 2001," Hurt said.

Following the indictment

by the Grand Jury, a warrant for Ellis' arrest was issued by the Circuit Clerk's office. His bond was set at \$30,000 and Ellis bonded out and is awaiting further court action, Hurt said.

"We had been searching for Ellis since the warrant was issued, but had been unable to locate him until last week," Hurt said.

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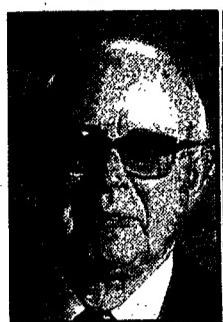
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Lightening, media and After Hours

I keep wondering if we are in the month of June or August. The reason is because of the number of thunderstorms we have been having of late.

This is really the type of weather we expect during August and I guess it is just coming early this year.

Lightening is one thing we all need to be concerned about, as a de Montluzin Avenue resident had her house struck Saturday.

She was very lucky not to be at home when the lightening struck. She did lose several appliances and television sets.

The past week we attended the 13th Mississippi Press Association's Convention in Biloxi.

It was good once again to renew acquaintances with publishers and editors from across the state of Mississippi.

The Mississippi Press Association is among the oldest associations in the state at 137 years.

It was interesting to learn that next year Mississippi will join Tennessee and Arkansas in a tri-state convention.

The convention will be held at the historic Peabody Hotel in Memphis. Since it is a presidential year, it is hoped to have several of the candidates address us press folks from the three states.

A highlight for the break-fast on Saturday, featured Howard Helmer, the World's Fastest Omelet Maker.

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Book record for his high-speed omelet making. Helmer can cook-up a whopping 425 omelets in a mere 30 minutes.

He has been featured on several television shows, magazines, etc.

With brief instructions Helmer had us making our own omelets in less than a minute.

It was a fun time.

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American Cancer Society to hold annual Camp Rainbow at Roosevelt State Park

On July 30-Aug. 2, pediatric cancer patients from across the state will have the opportunity to spend four fun-filled days at the American Cancer Society's annual Camp Rainbow.

The free camp will be held at Roosevelt State Park in Morton, Mississippi.

Camp Rainbow is a special camp where cancer patients ages 6-17 can experience the traditional fun of summer camp while still having their special medical needs met.

Funded by public contributions to the American Cancer Society, Camp Rainbow provides a loving

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and caring environment which affords each camper the opportunity to share the good times of camp life with fellow campers. It also allows the family the comfort of knowing that their children are in capable and trusted hands of qualified pediatric doctors and nurses, as well as trained camp counselors.

Many of these children never had the opportunity to enjoy summer camp as most camps do not accept pediatric cancer patients for fear of not being prepared to meet their special needs. This special children's camp was first conducted in 1984. Since that time, approximately 1,200 patients have participated

Minor

the fiscal downturn, Mississippi, unlike a number of other states, hasn't touched the corpus—the main body—of the Tobacco Trust Fund lawmakers created and dedicated to health care back in 1998.

Some states such as Tennessee, have totally wiped out their tobacco trust funds to meet current budget shortages. And others, such as Louisiana, have sold a big hunk of their tobacco suit future payments at a discount.

Everyone around state government in Mississippi realizes however that lawmakers, in re-election mode, whistled past the graveyard by technically balancing the FY 2004 budget by emptying every barrel of "one-time" money, so as not to raise any taxes. But come FY 2005, everyone knows, some tax increases are inescapable.

Many state agencies—among them higher education, corrections and Medicaid—have been starved or suffered severe cuts the past few years that have crippled their mandated services.

Higher learning institutions, for instance, have been so hard hit for three years, they have had to raise tuition and other student fees an average of 15 percent per year. Many parents or guardians would say that this is an indirect tax increase on the 60,000 stu-

dents in higher education.

The recent \$350 billion tax cut bill signed by President Bush, which contained \$20 billion to help the financially strapped states is viewed by Mississippi fiscal leaders as only a mixed blessing. (Incidentally, Bush had no state relief in his original tax package, but it was put in by Congress after heavy pressure from the nation's governors.)

Mississippi figures to get a total of \$210.7 million in two parts over the remainder of the current fiscal year and the upcoming 2004 fiscal year, broken down to about \$97 million that can be used discretionally and the remaining \$113 million by increasing this state's federal Medicaid matching formula.

"It's still one-time money, not like the federal revenue sharing program we could count on back in the 1970s and early 1980s," observed one veteran state budget analyst, adding: "we've had to rely too much on one-time money the past few years. It's no substitute for a permanent revenue source."

At least, state budgeters say, the small windfall from the new tax package will help the state restore some cuts in the Medicaid program this year and fund the program for FY 2004, which state Medicaid offi-

cials have projected to have a \$90 million shortfall.

Overall, the new Bush income tax cut bill will do little to help the vast majority of Mississippi households since they fall within the category of 53 percent of Americans who will receive \$100 or less, according to a report by Marianne Hill, a researcher for the IHL's Research and Education center.

Mississippi's loss of manufacturing jobs in recent years has been made a political issue in this year's gubernatorial campaign following the Mississippi Manufacturing Association's endorsement of Republican candidate Haley Barbour. Barbour contends the MMA was prompted by its dissatisfaction with loss of manufacturing jobs under Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

That reasoning seems way off-base, especially in view of Musgrove landing the state's first automobile manufacturing plant, the just-opened Nissan auto plant near Canton that immediately brought in 4,000 heavy industrial jobs and in a short while will grow to 6,500 jobs.

It is obvious from state employment reports since 1999 that Mississippi, like other southern states, has been hit heaviest in apparel industry jobs because NAFTA, the North

in Camp Rainbow, many returning to become counselors.

For a camper application or for more information about Camp Rainbow, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

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Litter

litter. It is also used to pay law enforcement officers who guard inmates along highway rights of way as they volunteer to pick up litter in the MDOT Inmate Litter Removal Program.

In addition, MDOT absorbs the cost to administer various in-house anti-litter efforts, such as Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-An-Interchange, educational programs for school age children, and the partnership between MDOT and Keep Mississippi Beautiful.

And still the job is never done.

Why should you care? More than 70 percent of Mississippi's litter is visible to the 35 million tourists visiting the state each year. With tourism being our state's largest private sector employer, employing one out of every 13 Mississippian, this issue is of vital importance to Mississippi's image and economic health.

In Mississippi, we have a choice. We can continue to spend millions of dollars to pick up trash in an endless cycle, or we can invest a small portion of those dollars in a proactive program to change this destructive behavior. At MDOT, with the support of the Mississippi Transportation Commission, we've chosen to break the endless cycle.

of littering and expensive clean-up. Our first step has been to move the litter issue onto the public stage through a statewide media campaign.

Research shows that paid advertising campaigns are the most cost-effective way to combat litter and that they more than pay for themselves in reduced clean-up costs by addressing the root cause rather than just continuing the endless clean-up cycle.

Surprisingly, the research also shows that traditional anti-litter campaigns and beautification efforts that ask people to politely help with the litter problem have not been effective in changing the behavior of those who litter.

In response to hard data, MDOT has developed an anti-litter campaign entitled, "I am not your Mama. Pick it up, Mississippi," which is designed to reinforce the lesson that all of us are responsible for our own actions. The campaign cost averages about 25 cents per capita as compared to the 80 cents per capita MDOT spends each year in litter removal.

The "Pick it up" campaign is based on clear research that tells us who to target to achieve the greatest results. Statistics show that males are

responsible for more than 70 percent of all deliberate littering and close to 90 percent of accidental littering.

In specific, male motorists driving pickup trucks are a disproportionate source of litter, being responsible for almost one third of all littering by motorists and two-thirds of escaping single items from vehicles.

The "Pick it up" TV commercials and radio spots are unexpected and edgy, and are effective in capturing the attention of our target audience. The commercials contain just enough humor to attract our audience and in turn, people are talking about Mississippi's litter problem. Discussion of the litter issue is high and that's the most important result of this campaign so far.

Over the next few years, the campaign will expand, and our existing educational program for kindergarten through third grade will grow as well. By reaching Mississippians through advertising partnerships with Keep Mississippi Beautiful and the law enforcement community, school and community programs, and our Web site, MDOT is making the prevention of litter a priority in our state.

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vote, after council members expressed some mixed emotions over tackling the epic expansion move.

"I'll be honest with you, I don't know how we're going to finance it," said Ward 2 council member Jim Thriffiley III.

He cast the lone dissenting vote.

Both Seal and at-large council member Bill Taylor said they had struggled with the pros and cons of the annexation move.

Legal challenges could come from many fronts - Waveland will be cut off from a similar growth path, for instance.

And the city will be taking over police and fire protection services from the county sheriff's department and volunteer fire departments if the annexation succeeds.

School district boundaries, and the services of existing water and sewer boards, will not be changed, the mayor said.

He told council that while

the inevitable fears and concerns will come forward, the long term benefits will long outweigh the negatives of the annexation.

"Some people will be tickled to death with it and some people will be very upset," the mayor said.

The most immediate benefit residents of the unincorporated area will see, officials said, is the immediate drop in fire insurance rates for residents coming into the city.

The new taxes that the city will levy, Favre said, will be more than offset by the fire insurance cost decrease.

The newly-annexed area also would see immediate imposition of city building codes taking effect. While Hancock County has a zoning ordinance in effect, there are no codes in place concerning the quality and standards for construction.

City Attorney John Scafide said that, absent such codes, no doubt some construction in the area has

been substandard. He added that the longer the delay in city annexation, the larger the headache that the city will inherit from an era of no-code construction.

Apparently, the consultants concluded it will cost Bay St. Louis the equivalent of over 8 mills taxation to provide services to the area at issue.

Favre said that number will change, based on normal tax base expansion inside and outside of the city limit prior to the effective date of annexation.

But, if Bay St. Louis doesn't spread its city limits, it has virtually nowhere to accommodate commercial growth, he said. That, he added, will only mean increased property taxes in the existing town.

Last year, the city bumped property taxes from 5 mills to 10.5 mills. For the coming year, the city appears ready to hike that rate by another 5 or 6 mills.

Earlier this month, city

leaders were stunned by the announcement of the upcoming shutdown of Alcan Co. - the city's only big industry and a major property tax payer. The estimated loss to the city: \$80,000 in property taxes and natural gas revenues, and 116 jobs.

Meanwhile, council is considering refinancing some of the \$11 million in general obligation and revenue bonds issued in 1996 and 1997, hoping to reduce its debt service costs by some \$150,000.

Another \$2 million general obligation bond issue, to pay for a citywide street resurfacing program, is in the works.

Bay St. Louis' last annexation came more than a decade ago, as a prelude to development of what's now Casino Magic and adjoining Cedar Point residential areas.

That annexation took place quickly with no protests filed in chancery court. It not only added a

major property tax base to the city, but it also led to the city's collection of millions of dollars in gaming taxes.

The current annexation attempt is far more complex and potentially controversial.

Officials said it could be a two-year process if strong opposition and challenges develop.

Favre told the Sea Coast Echo he sees no reason for Hancock County to object to the annexation. The county would continue to receive the same property taxes from the area at issue, he said, and will lose the expenses of servicing it.

And, he added, there's no doubt the residents will be better off.

In addition to city police and fire protection, Bay St. Louis would provide planning and zoning, garbage and trash removal, animal control, street and drainage maintenance, code enforcement, parks and recreation services and the right to vote in municipal elections.

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Looking over plans



Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, center, looks over plans for the soon to be opened renovated and expanded Waveland Public Library with, Walter Bolton left, BDA, Inc., project architect, and Prima Plauché, right, director, Hancock County Library System. The building has been expanded from 3,000 to 5,000 square feet and will function as a full-service public library.

Beach -- bacteria

high bacteria count, more specific tests would be needed to determine the exact source of the contamination problem. Until then and until the bacteria counts go down, people need to stay out of the contaminated area, said Sharp. Hopefully by sometime this weekend counts will be down, he said.

The high bacteria count is concentrated at the mouth of the outlet canal which is directly across from St. Clare Elementary School and not actually across the entire area between Vacation and Favre, said Longo, but the DEQ need to be able to pinpoint the advisory notice between two streets.

"We are trying to pinpoint the source of the problem," said Longo. "But it could be anything from the headway to the beach."

An advisory means that swimming and other recreational activities in the affected waters or sands in the area are not advised until tests show that bacter-

ial levels are safe for human contact. For more information check the Beach Monitoring Program website at www.deq.state.ms.us.

In other business:

- Aldermen voted to change July's Board of Aldermen's meetings to Monday, July 7 at 6 p.m. for a workshop and a meeting and to Monday, July 21 at 6 p.m. for a workshop and Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. for the regular meeting.
- Voted not to allow a can shake by the Hancock County Little League on the Fourth of July weekend.
- Voted to take under advisement a request for

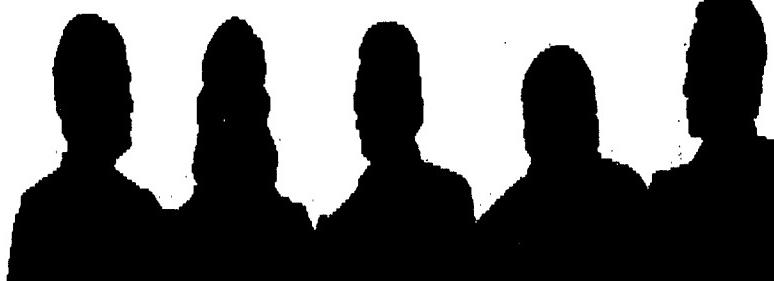
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\$2,500 to support the Hancock County Classic 2003 Dixie Softball Inc. World Series to be held in Bay St. Louis from August 1-8. Girls will come from 11 states for the competition.

• Digital Engineering and Imaging Inc. Project Manager Stuart Williamson gave a brief presentation of the new Water Distribution Plan recently finished for the city. The project is a state of the art master plan of the city's water system which will provide for, among other advantages, quicker repairs on water lines and assist in planning capital improvement projects.



PUBLIC MEETINGS



Gulf Coast Railroad Relocation

The Mississippi Department of Transportation will be holding open forum public meetings to allow concerned citizens the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed relocation of the CSX Railroad.

Citizens are invited to come and go as they please from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Brief presentations will be given at 5 p.m. and again at 6 p.m.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

**Monday, June 23, 2003 St. Martin Community Center
15008 LeMoyne Boulevard, Ocean Springs, Miss.**

**Thursday, June 26, 2003 Bay St. Louis Depot
Depot Way (Union Street @ CSX RR), Bay St. Louis, Miss.**

**Monday, June 30, 2003 Fine Arts Auditorium
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Jefferson Davis Campus
2226 Switzer Road, Gulfport, Miss.**

Any individual who needs auxiliary aids or special accommodations to attend the meeting should advise MDOT of their needs by calling the Environmental Division at (601) 359-7920.

MDOT public meeting on CSX relocation options schedule for coast counties

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is offering a series of public meetings to present preliminary relocation alternatives for the CSX railroad line, according to Southern District Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown.

The meetings will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 23 at the St. Martin Community Center, 15008 LeMoyne Boulevard, Ocean Springs; June 26 at the Bay St. Louis Depot, Depot Way & Union Street, Bay St. Louis and June 30 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Fine Arts Auditorium 2226 Switzer Road, Gulfport.

Brown says all of the meetings are identical and are being offered in three different locations so that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to review proposed location options.

"It is extremely important for the public to participate in these informative meetings," Brown said. "I encourage everyone who can attend."

A consultant team led by DMJM+HARRIS, Inc. in conjunction with MDOT is working to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed relocation of the railroad which presently runs

across the Mississippi Gulf Coast through the most densely developed portions of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.

According to Brown, the study will attempt to identify the best feasible location for a new rail line and will seek the environmental clearances necessary to undertake design and construction of this proposed move.

"The existing railroad passes through the downtown districts of nine Mississippi Gulf Coast cities and accounts for 160 grade crossings in which a number of crashes have occurred just within the last five years. Since safety is one of MDOT's primary concerns, proper relocation of the line should be given priority as it is expected to greatly reduce collisions and remove hazardous cargo shipments from densely populated areas."

Claiborne Barnwell, MDOT environmental division engineer, said the meetings in each of the three coastal counties are expected to be conducted in an open forum type setting, however representatives of the project team will provide brief presentation at 5 and 6 p.m.

"This will be an opportunity for the public to let us know what they think," Barnwell said. "Based on

An Open Letter from DuPont DeLisle

Dear valued friends and fellow citizens,

Over the past several days, much has been said and written about DuPont's operations in DeLisle. My purpose in sharing this letter with you, our neighbors and fellow citizens, is to clarify what we at DuPont DeLisle believe may be misconceptions about our plant's environmental processes.

In April, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released a report of its findings on the agency's study of DuPont DeLisle's impact on groundwater in our community. The agency concluded that DuPont DeLisle is "No Public Health Hazard" for groundwater. ATSDR discussed their findings at a public meeting in Pass Christian on June 5.

Three other government agencies had previously reviewed our operations and potential links to groundwater. Like ATSDR, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MDOH) all report that our operations do not impact current drinking water aquifers.

As the result of media reports about issues discussed at the ATSDR public meeting, questions have been raised in the community about the operation of our deep injection wells and about groundwater under the plant. Here are the facts about these two issues.

EPA recognizes deep injection wells, in certain locations like the Gulf Coast, as technologically superior environmental control systems. They are equipped with fail-safe technology designed to prevent any injected waste material from escaping the well's pipeline before it reaches the injection zone 10,000 feet below the Earth's surface - roughly two miles.

There are at least 10 layers of impermeable rock between the surface of the Earth and the injection zone where material is deposited. These layers are horizontally contiguous, that is, they are layers of rock that are many thousands of miles long and wide. Material deposited in the Earth through the deep injection wells cannot penetrate upward through these layers. Over time, the injected material neutralizes naturally and becomes a part of the sandstone formation into which it is injected.

Our records and analyses say that there has never been a case or situation where any material injected into a deep injection well at DeLisle has left the injection zone. During the June 5 public meeting, ATSDR was reported as stating that, during a 1996 incident, material was "migrating upward" in a deep injection well. This material, in fact, never left the permitted injection zone (8,000 to greater than 10,000 feet). The design and operation of our deep injection wells keeps the injected fluids in the injection tubing until it is emplaced in the injection zone.

Another incident reported by the media to which ATSDR referred in its discussion of their study occurred in 1984 while one of our deep injection wells was shutdown for maintenance. During one of the maintenance procedures, the pipeline was over pressurized, causing some pipe and the residual material in it to be dislodged. A monitoring well located less than 100 feet from the deep injection well showed no evidence of any groundwater contamination.

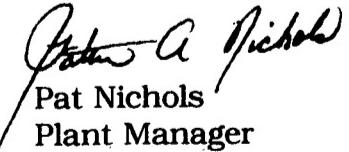
The second of the two issues that has raised questions concerns the groundwater under the plant. It is a matter of public record that our operations have had an impact at shallow levels, but well above community drinking water aquifers. There is an impermeable, natural barrier preventing this material from reaching the drinking water aquifers. Further, the natural flow of groundwater is away from any drinking water source.

We are working closely with EPA and MDEQ to conduct long term groundwater monitoring. In the opinion of EPA and MDEQ, the contamination will be diminished to levels below concern before it reaches the plant site's boundaries. DuPont DeLisle has an extensive network of monitoring wells from which we get ongoing data about the condition of these shallow levels.

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Public disagrees with health dept. rep. on water, sewer service below I-10

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock County Sewer and Water District Board members were put on the hot seat last Friday by a large turn out of customers at a public hearing at the Hancock County Civic Center.

Representatives of the Health Department and the Attorney General's office were also present to help answer questions. No one from the Department of Environmental (DEQ) showed up at the hearing, even though it had been asked to attend.

Ralph Turnbo, with the Jackson office of the Department of Health, delivered a message that many in attendance did not want to hear. Turnbo said that below the I-10 corridor, on-site sewer treatment systems were no longer an option in Hancock County.

"That's a lie," someone screamed from the back of the room. Another man insisted that with enough acreage on-site systems should be permitted.

Turnbo responded by saying that on site treatment systems are good where there are lower water tables and more compatible

soils, but that south of the I-10 corridor the high water tables and saturated soils do not provide adequate treatment of sewage, he said. State law and Department of Health regulations require that if central sewer service is available than on site systems cannot be recommended in these conditions, he said.

A few weeks back, the Moran family, who live on property off Henry Shubert Rd. told board members at Hancock Water and Sewer District that they no longer wanted to pay for the use of equipment on their land. The district placed the sewage pumps and pipes on their land, family members said, without requesting an easement. Some households on the property had hooked up to the system, but stopped paying their bill. Many family members thought that they could simply unhook from the system.

Questions turned to the new water system recently completed in the district, the first of a multiphase operation.

Reviews of the water quality given by those present were not favorable, to put it mildly.

A couple of residents

brought glasses filled with a brown liquid they was a sample of the water, more brought pictures of pristine white bathtubs filled with a yellowish brown water. Some provided a verbal description of the water each household pays about \$15 a month to use.

"I take a bath in water that looks like someone has urinated in it; I drink water that looks like someone has urinated in it; I use ice that looks like someone has urinated in it," said one Stark St. resident.

"Why do I have to pay for this?"

Many people questioned the need for a public water system when private wells provided clear, good tasting drinking water. Kiln residents are given the option of using their own wells said one man, why are we not given that option.

Board member Al Smith acknowledged complaints about water color, but said that the water in the system is safe to drink.

"We are working on the problem," said Smith.

Later, at the regular board meeting, director Eddie Renz said installing a Calgon carbon filter system to clear the water had probably become cost prohibitive.

tive, doubling in cost from the original estimates to about \$500,000.

Renz said tests showed that clear water could be found at a level of 300 to 500 feet. He recommended drilling a new well at that level. Tests at deeper levels had not showed clear water, Renz said. Drilling to this level would cost about \$185,000 to \$200,000, he said.

The problem with drilling a well at that level said engineer Jeff Clemens is that there may not be enough water available to serve the system due to many factors. Many private wells are located at these levels. Clemens said.

Renz said the system would be able to output about 500 gallons a minute at this level as opposed to the 1000 gallons a minute that the current system is capable of producing. This should be adequate for current customers, he said.

Clemens said he thought that the cheapest long-term solution to the color problem would be to go ahead with installing the Calgon carbon filter system. The board voted to approve going out for bids to drill the test well that Renz recommended.

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Suspected robber who dropped ID at crime scene arrested in Alabama

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A suspect who dropped his driver's license on May 13 at Todd's Chevron near Kiln on Hwy. 603, during an alleged robbery was arrested in Alabama, "and we have been notified," Sheriff Steve Garber said Tuesday.

Jeffrey Dale Boomhower, 35, who is from Alabama, was arrested by Shelby County Sheriff's Department in Columbiana,

Alabama. Boomhower was wanted in connection with the robbery of Todd's, as he dropped his driver's license during a May robbery," Rita Blaize-Watson said.

Following the robbery, Watson said Boomhower allegedly went into the store and took an undisclosed amount of cash. A customer tried to assist (the store clerk) and grabbed the suspect's shirt as he ran past, and it appears that when

that happened, the man's Alabama driver's license fell out."

The clerk positively identified the photo on the driver's license as the alleged robber, she said.

Boomhower following the alleged robbery, was reported by the Hancock County Sheriff's department as having an extensive criminal record, including numerous arrests in Alabama, Georgia and

Florida dating back to 1990, and including such charges as burglary, theft, narcotics possession, robbery, strong-arm robbery, parole violation, aggravated battery and aggravated assault on a police officer.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department will be in line to have Boomhower returned to stand trial for the robbery, Watson stated.

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Stabbing victim in hospital

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

A Saturday argument between two residents of the Rocky Hill-Dedeaux Road in Hancock County lead to a stabbing and the victim ending up in a hospital, Sheriff Steve Garber said on Monday.

Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson, who is in charge of the investigation said, "Eric

Neese, 28, was arrested on Saturday June 14 and charged with aggravated assault for allegedly stabbing Rufus Rhiner, 41. Both Neese and Rhiner reside on Rocky Hill-Dedeaux Road and were apparently arguing when the stabbing occurred around 8 p.m. Neese's bond was set at \$50,000.

"Rhiner is recovering in

ICU at Garden Park Hospital after having undergone surgery Saturday for his injury," Watson said. "The case is still under investigation and there is a possibility of other charges stemming from the incident."

Sgt. Danny Gilkerson, Deputy David Dear and Investigator John Luther assisted in the case.



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Jerry Heitzmann

Jerry D. Heitzmann of Bay St. Louis has announced his candidacy for Hancock County Justice Court Judge, Place Two.

Heitzmann, 55, a Democrat, is a native of Hancock County, married to the former Debbie Weidman for 32 years and they are the parents of three adult children.

He attended Pearl River Junior College and holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi and is also a graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking. Heitzmann served six years in the National Guard reaching the rank of Sergeant, and in 2002 completed a six month training course for Mississippi Law Enforcement to bring himself up-to-date on this state's Criminal Laws.

He was a Patrolman/Training Officer with the City of Jackson for three years; Probation Officer, later promoted to South Mississippi District Supervisor for the State.

Department of Corrections for eight years; and elected and served in the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's Office for a one year term in a Special Election following the resignation of the previous Circuit Clerk.

Heitzmann after completion of his term, chose not to seek re-election, but accepted a job offer in the local business sector and was Vice-president of a local bank for 18 years until his retirement in 2002.

Heitzmann's current and past Civic and Community

involvement includes; Hancock County Jury Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Exchange Club, Democratic Executive Committee, Bay Rotary Club, Sons of the American Legion, Post 139, etc.

In making his announcement he said, "The Job of Justice Court Judge is a very important position. Ideally, it calls for a person of the highest integrity and working knowledge of criminal and civil law. It also requires a person that is a 'good listener,' has plenty of good common sense, and a sincere desire to help people. As a candidate for Justice Court Judge, with 14 years of working in the Criminal Justice system and 18 years in the local business community, I feel that I possess the best qualifications needed for this office. As Your Justice Court Judge, I promise to put my qualifications to good use and make our community a better place to live," Heitzmann added.

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RITA SCHWANDT
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ARTHUR ZUBIENI

VIKKI BREWER

Vikki Young Brewer, 36, of Diamondhead died Monday, June 16, 2003, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Brewer was a native of Meridian and enjoyed living in San Francisco and Bay St. Louis. She was a manager of retail sales.

She was preceded in death by her father, Michael E. Paul. Survivors include her husband, George Brewer; sons, Owen Michael Brewer and Wyatt Paul Brewer, all of Diamondhead; parents, Carol A. Young and Daniel M. Young, of McDonough, Ga.; stepmother, Joan Paul, of San Mateo, Calif.; sister, Amber Young Parker; nephew, Charlie Parker, both of Gainesville, Fla.; and nieces Rachel and Rebecca Russell, both of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be today at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis from 2 p.m. until the funeral at 3 p.m.

Burial will be private.

The family prefers memorials to Hope Haven Shelter, 126 Court St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

HICKS FORD

Hicks Ford, 77, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2003, in Richland, Wash. Hicks, a long-time resident of Diamondhead, was visiting his son and daughter in Richland when he passed.

Hicks was born March 14, 1926, in Columbus, Ga., to William "Alfred" and George Robert Ford. He married Barbara Hanson, who was to be his lifelong friend and partner, on June 14, 1949, in Boston, Mass.

Hicks and Barbara moved frequently due to Hicks' job as a project engineer for Western Electric. Their residences included Winston-Salem, N.C.; Woodbridge, Va.; and Tokyo, Japan. For the past 20 years they have made their home in Diamondhead, where Hicks retired from the Naval Oceanographic Office at the Stennis Space Center.

Hicks is survived by his wife of almost 54 years, Barbara Ford; sons, Bill Ford (Amy) of Diamondhead; Bruce Ford (Margaret) of Richland, Wash.; daughters, Deb Donahoe (Rick) of Richland, Wash.; Rebekah Jensen (Charlie) of Carmel, Ind.; and Betcei Butler (David) of Huntsville, Ala.

Hicks is also survived by loving grandchildren who called him "Pobbes" because of the wonderfully funny

letters he wrote to them posing as a tiger of that name. They are Sean Donahoe (Jessica) Kansas City, Kan.; Ryan Donahoe (Andrea) Durham, N.C.; Heather Donahoe (Drew LaForge, fiancée), Erin Donahoe, Ben and Becky Ford, Richland, Wash.; Thomas Jensen, Carmel, Ind.; Daniel, Keegan, Rhys, Tate and Willem Butler, Huntsville, Ala., and Ciara Ford, Diamondhead.

A memorial service was held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Richland, Wash., on June 16. A requiem mass and committal service will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead on June 23 at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, June 23, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead.

Donations can be made to All Saints Episcopal Church in Richland, Wash.; St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead; Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis or to a charity of your choice.

CLARK FOWLER

Clark "Russell" Fowler, 60, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, in Kiln.

Mr. Fowler was a long-time resident of Kiln. He was a heavy equipment operator for Henley Trucking in Kiln. He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Fowler.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene M. Fowler of Kiln; three sons, Dallas John Fowler of Kiln, Christopher Fowler of Wesson and Rusty Fowler of Utica; a stepdaughter, Heather Marie Green of Kiln; his mother, Jimmie Lee Fowler of Edwards; two brothers, Danny Fowler of Edwards and Sterlin Fowler of Andrew, N.C.; three sisters, Cheryl Fowler of Jackson, Jimmie Welch of Davidson, N.C., and Martha Bishop of Homer, La.; a granddaughter, Danae Fowler of Kiln; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held today from 6 to 10 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service will be held June 20 at 1 p.m. at Catahoula Baptist Church in Picayune. Interment will follow.

BEN F. GILLESPIE

Ben F. Gillespie, 80, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, peacefully in his home under the care of his family and Quality Hospice.

He was a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., and a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He was a retired sergeant of the United States Army serving in World War II and the Korean War.

He was an avid craftsman in many fields. He was a loving husband and father whose philosophies will be missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Gillespie, and his parents, Marcus E. and Olyra Moore Gillespie.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Aiko T. Gillespie of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Gary Gillespie of Kiln and David Gillespie of Gulfport; three daughters, Nancy Gillespie of Bay St. Louis, Gail Gillespie of New Orleans and Trixie Barras of Pearlington; two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Funeral services were private at Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi. The family prefers donations to Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, Inc., P.O. Box 549, Biloxi, MS 39530. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

HAROLD HUTCHINSON JR.

Harold Leslie Hutchinson Jr., 71, died Sunday, June 15, 2003, at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

Visitation is 12:30 to 2 p.m. today at St. James

Episcopal Church in Jackson. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Evergreen Cemetery in Ocean Springs.

Born in New Orleans, Mr. Hutchinson grew up in Ocean Springs, where he graduated from Ocean Springs High School. He then attended Perkinson Junior College before serving in the Korean War. After the war he married Ann Lewis and returned to school, earning degrees in engineering and business administration from Mississippi State University in 1957.

He practiced civil engineering for 46 years in Jackson. He enjoyed singing in the family choir at St. James Episcopal Church and was active in the Jackson Photographic Society and the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society.

Mr. Hutchinson is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ann Hutchinson; a sister, Helen Ray Hutchinson of Bay St. Louis; a son Harold (Hal) Leslie Hutchinson III and wife, Christine, of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Katie Kennedy and husband, Joe, of Bethlehem, Miss.; a daughter, Susan Randolph and husband, Todd, of Dyersburg, Tenn.; and cherished granddaughter, Caley Randolph.

The family prefers memorials to be sent to St. James Episcopal Church Discretionary Fund, 3921 Oak Ridge Drive, Jackson, MS 39216 or Hannah's Buddies (spinal muscular atrophy research fund), P.O. Box 14457, Tampa, FL 33690.

WILBUR JOHNSTON

Wilbur Thomas Johnston, 83, known to his friends as "Mr. Bill," died in Baton Rouge, La., on June 17.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Estelle Johnston.

Survivors include his three children, James Johnston of Ithaca, N.Y.; Jerry Johnston of Birmingham, Ala.; and Shelly Johnston Colvin of Baton Rouge, La.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mr. Johnston was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, the American Legion and the VFW. Throughout his life he held various leadership positions with these organizations. In the early 1960s, he was instrumental in starting the local parks, playgrounds and youth recreational department in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Johnston was born in Alberta, Canada, and grew up in Minneapolis, Minn. A career in real estate brought him to Bay St. Louis in 1957.

He was a recipient of the Bronze and Silver Star, serving his country with honor as a foot soldier during the European Invasion at Normandy during WWII.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis on Saturday, June 21.

A memorial service will follow at 10 a.m. with Rev. Kyle Seage officiating. Rabenhorst Funeral Home in Baton Rouge, La., is in charge of arrangements.

RUTH McLAIN

Ruth Geneva McLain, 78, of Pass Christian, died June 16, 2003, in Gulfport. Her body was sent from Riemann Funeral Home, Gulfport, to Morgan Funeral Home in Advance, Mo.

She was a native of Chalmette, LA and a resident of Waveland for the past 13 years. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father,

Thomas Giordano; mother Lana Giordano; brother Carlo Giordano; grandson, Sammy Augello.

Survivors include a daughter, Charmaine Goschen Dodd; Longtime Companion & 1st wife of Theodore Goschen; 4 sisters, Carol Karl, Kathy Cooper, Tommie Lynn Daulgreen & Patty Giordano; Best friend, Susan Mechelik; 2 grandchildren, Derek Dupuy & Torrie Ann Augello.

A visitation will be held Friday, June 20, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis. Followed by a prayer service at 12:00 noon in the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will be private. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

AUGUST PAVOLINI

August "Augie" Pavolini, 63, died June 13, 2003, in Delisle.

Mr. Pavolini was a native and lifelong resident of Delisle. He graduated high school in Pass Christian and served in the U.S. Navy. He retired as an Industrial Maintenance Supervisor at C.E. Natco and later was leaderman at C.E.D. at the Naval Construction Battalion Center. Mr. Pavolini was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Delisle where he served as an eucharistic minister. He was also an avid gardener.

"He will be missed at the dice tables."

Mr. Pavolini was preceded in death by his parents, Alphonse and Mabie Pavolini, and a brother, Alphonse Pavolini Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Pavolini of Delisle; a son, Randy Pavolini and his wife, Kim, of Annandale, Va.; a daughter, Traci Pavolini of Boulder, Mont.; two sisters, Evelyn Cox Hall and Delores Cox, both of Ocean Springs; and two grandchildren, Vanessa Pavolini and Nick Brown.

The Mass of the Resurrection was held Monday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Delisle with burial following in New Delisle Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to The American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507 or MHG Hospice, P.O. Box 1810, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian was in charge of arrangements.

JUDGE PATRICK QUINLAN

Judge Patrick G. Quinlan, age 54 of New Orleans, LA passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2003 at this home. Judge Quinlan

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was a lifelong resident of New Orleans, LA. He was a graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Law. He worked for the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans, La., and from there to the Attorney General's Office where he became the Chief Criminal Prosecutor for the state of Louisiana. In 1984 he was elected Judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus.

Judge Quinlan is preceded in death by his parents, Mrs. Marion McGuinness Quinlan and Mr. Charles Gregg Quinlan, Sr. and his brother, Mr. Charles Gregg Quinlan, Jr.

Survivors include his wife Maureen Coogan Quinlan, his two daughters, Jennifer Quinlan and Suzanne Quinlan Mooney and her husband Gary Charles Mooney, his grandson, Charlie Mooney, his two brothers, Bill Quinlan and Mickey Quinlan and his sister Liz Kirby.

Services were held Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home.

THEUDIS RIVERA
 Theudis "Theo" Rivera, 37, of Waveland, Mississippi, died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, in Lake City, Fla.

Mr. Rivera was born in Puerto Rico but lived in Mississippi for the last 12 years. He worked at casinos all along the coast, with his last place of employment being at the Copa Casino. Mr. Rivera had many friends on the coast and was loved by everyone that he touched.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Rivera; one daughter, Courtney Landrum; three sons, Casey

and P.J. Landrum, and Theudis Rivera; parents, Theudis and Maria Rivera; two sisters, Guillermina Verdejo and Wilma Rivera and her husband; Charlie Cama; one brother, Roberto Gonzales and his wife, Thelma; a sister-in-law, Cherie Kerner and husband

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BUSINESS NEWS

Tourism bureau receives golf award

Hancock County Tourism Commission is one of three organizations statewide receiving Mississippi Gulf Coast Golf Association's (MGCGA) new Golf Tourism Award. The award recognizes outstanding support for the golf tourism industry in Jackson, Hancock and Harrison counties.

Mississippi Development Authority/Tourism and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce also received awards in MGCGA's inaugural presentation.

Golf tourism has an estimated \$40 million economic impact on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, according to Kevin Drum, MGCGA's executive director. The Golf Tourism Award honors superior effort to increase golf's economic impact throughout South Mississippi. The MGCGA Golf Tourism Initiative is also one of the only programs dedicated to promoting all three coastal counties.

Jim Pitts, Golf Tourism Director for the golf association, and Tonya Chevis presented the award to Hancock County Tourism Commissions' executive director Beth Carriere at the June 18 commission meeting.

Chevis serves on the golf associations' Golf Marketing Committee and is Golf Sales Manager for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

"We are very fortunate that Beth Carriere and the board of Hancock County Tourism helped to fill a funding vacuum in 2002

Unemployment assistance program extended again

The temporary extended unemployment compensation (TEUC) program has been extended until the end of the year, allowing eligible unemployed workers to draw 13 additional weeks of unemployment benefits, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission announced last week.

The TEUC program was set to end on May 31, but the new law extends the ending date of the program until December 27, 2003.

TEUC provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to unemployed workers who have received the 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits.

"Generally people who have exhausted their 26 weeks of regular unemployment compensation are entitled to the additional 13 weeks, assuming, of course, that they remain unemployed," said Johnny Conwill, director of the Unemployment Insurance Division of MESC.

Conwill emphasized that

HMC joins national initiative to improve quality of care

Hancock Medical Center is working with Information & Quality Healthcare, the Medicare Quality Improvement organization for Mississippi, on a national initiative to improve quality of care for the Medicare population.

Clinical focus areas of the study are acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, pneumonia and surgical infection prevention.

During the next two years, Hancock Medical Center will be involved in a collaborative project with other hospitals monitoring the same clinical areas. While patient confidentiality will be protected, the hospitals will share various interventions and practices leading to positive outcomes, helping determine

"best practices".

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a federal agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, works through Information & Quality Healthcare to provide hospitals with information and tools to improve health care in selected clinical areas for the Medicare population.

For additional information of HMC's participation in the projects, contact Susan Stevens at (228) 467-8739.

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when the Gulf Coast golf community really needed assistance, Drum said.

"In their willingness to support golf destination marketing, Hancock County Tourism and all our award winners showed themselves as more than friends of golf," Drum said. "They demonstrated their understanding of the economic impact golf tourism has on area hotels, restaurants, casinos and retailers."

Members of MGCGA's Golf Marketing Committee determined the honorees, based on the following criteria:

- * Exceptional dedication to increasing golf tourism in that calendar year or in lifetime achievement.

- * Taking action to increase golf tourism on the entire Mississippi

Gulf Coast, not just his/her property or group. Basically taking on the attitude that "no one wins unless we all win."

- * Where the properties' or organizations' support was pivotal for success in the past calendar year or lifetime achievement.

Golf Marketing Committee members are from three golf courses, St. Andrews Golf Club in Jackson County, President Broadwater, Biloxi, and The Oaks Golf Club in Pass Christian, and three hotels, Casino Magic Bay Saint Louis, Isle of Capri, Biloxi, and Holiday Inns of Gulfport/Biloxi.

Tourism award
Jeana Tribble, left, president of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, and executive director Beth Carriere accept the Golf Tourism Award from Mississippi Gulf Coast Golf Association director Jim Pitts and Tonya Davis, Bridges Golf Resosrt associate and member of MGCJA. (Staff photo by Shannon Jenkins)

Business and Industry Job Fair set for Wednesday, July 9

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission are seeking business and industrial companies with job openings to exhibit at the upcoming Business & Industry Job Fair on Wednesday, July 9 from 10am-3pm at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Tish Williams, Director of the Hancock Chamber who is managing the event for the area said, "This Job Fair is hosted by the people of Hancock County as a pledge of support for our citizens, in direct response to

the employees of Alcan Cable. Recently, Alcan Cable made a difficult but necessary decision to cease operations in Bay St. Louis, MS. The decision was necessary due to prolonged poor market conditions and over capacity in the cable utility market.

To confirm plans to exhibit, companies should contact Tish Williams at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048 to obtain a registration form. The fee is \$100. To report employment positions for posting at the Alcan Career Center, please contact Jane Caruso at 228-466-8159.

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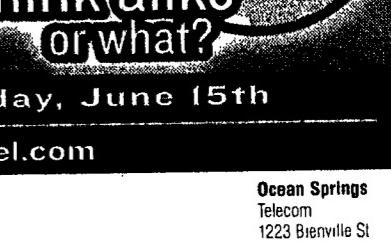


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Obituaries

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Tommy; sister-in-law, Debbie LaFontaine Taylor; mother-in-law, Myrna LaFontaine Schwartz; father-in-law, Henry Schwartz; sister-in-law, Kim Stone and husband, James; one grandchild; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Tuesday, June 17, at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

ROGER SEYMOUR

Roger Seymour, 78, died Thursday, June 12, in Diamondhead. The funeral will be held today at 10 a.m. at Ocean Springs Chapel. Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be in Biloxi National Cemetery.

**LESLIE SHERIDAN**

Leslie Reese Sheridan, 46, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, in Gulfport, Ms.

He was a resident of Pearl River, La. before moving to Kiln 10 years ago. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Huey O'Reese Sheridan and brother, Huey O'Brian Sheridan.

Survivors include his loving wife, Carolyn Sheridan of Kiln; son, Brandon Singletary of Pearl River, La.; loving mother, Vera Necaise of Catahoula Community; step daughter, Angi Singletary of Pearl River, La.; 2 brothers, Wade E. Sheridan and Calvin Sheridan both of Pearl River, La.; 3 sisters, Carolyn Singletary of Catahoula Community; Mary Lou Malone and husband Bryan of Bay St. Louis; Ilene Johnson and husband Willie of Catahoula Community; step mother, Dorothy Sheridan of Pearl River, La.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 19, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. followed by a prayer service at 2:00 p.m. at the Catahoula Baptist Church in Picayune, Ms.

Interment will follow in the Catahoula Church Cemetery in Picayune, Ms.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

RITA SCHWANDT

Rita Brown Schwandt, 83, died Friday, June 13, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Schwandt was a native of Algiers, La., and was a resident of Pass Christian for 24 years. She was a retired beautician.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl William Schwandt; parents, William and Clara Ritt Brown Sr.; and a brother, William J. Brown Jr.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Minton of Chalmette, La.; Jane Frayle, of Metairie, La.; and Jacqueline Davi, of Slidell, La.; her sister, Margaret Jones, of Slidell, La.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Riemann Funeral Home, Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, on Saturday, June 21, from 1 p.m. until the funeral at 3 p.m. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Sunday in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

DELOS WILLIAMS

Delos "Bubba" Williams on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. Aged 65 years, a native of Summit, MS and a resident of Bay St. Louis and Harahan, LA for the past 45 years.

Beloved husband of Chris Trice Williams by second marriage and former husband of Celeste Williams McBride. Father of Elizabeth Williams Boyd, Laurie Williams George and Karen Eggleston. Father-in-law of Tony Boyd. Godfather of Brooke Kennedy. Son of the late Mamie Roberts Williams and Johnnie Thomas Williams. Brother of Harold Lloyd Williams, Audrey Williams Barkdull and Marilyn Williams Woodall. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Memorial Service from the Kenner Funeral Home of L.A. Muhleisen and Son, 2607 Williams Blvd. on Friday, June 20, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Friends may visit from 4:00 p.m. until time of service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, donations to American Lung Association of LA, 2325 Severn Ave., Metairie, LA 70001 or American Heart Association, P.O. Box 159, Destrehan, LA 70047-0159, preferred.

ARTHUR ZUBIENI

Arthur E. Zubieni, 64, a resident of Pass Christian died Friday, June 13, 2003 in Ocean Springs, Ms.

Mr. Zubieni was born in Maywood, IL and raised in Phoenix, Az. Attended South Mountain High School and attended Arizona State University majoring in Music. Well known Bassist playing with numerous big bands in Phoenix, played for the Phoenix Symphony Theatres in the Phoenix area. Played with German and Austrian bands in Durango and Vail, Co. In 1998 he moved to the Gulf Coast to perform in various clubs and restaurants playing the mandolin and guitar with his wife Rowena.

He was preceded in death by his parents Cesar and Navaline Zubieni; sister, Eloise Klem; and a brother.

Survivors include wife, Rowena Vance Zubieni of Pass Christian; close friend, Janet Zubieni; son, Michael Zubieni of Aurora, Co.; stepson, Lee Vance of Pascagoula, Ms.; daughters, Sharri Fitzpatrick of Gilbert, Az.; Terry DeWeese of Arlington, Tx. and Heidi Fisher of Gautier, Ms.; sister, Patricia Zubieni of Scottsdale, Az.; 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will be private.

Family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society of Research.

Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

Back on the Beach



Crews including regular Hancock County employees and student workers were on the beach in force this week, putting up temporary barriers to help guard Beach Blvd. from being covered in sand again, as it was after storms earlier this month. The barriers that had been erected on the beach were destroyed last year during hurricane season.

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Diamondhead Kids offer 'Wonderland'

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Diamondhead Kids Theater will present the musical, 'WONDERLAND' on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 and on Wednesday, June 25, 2003. The dinner theater will be on June 24th at the Diamondhead Country Club. Tickets can be purchased at the door \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children.

chased at the Country Club for \$15.00. Dinner will be at 6:00pm and the play will begin at 7:00pm.

The Matinee will be on Wednesday, June 25th at 2:00pm, at the Country Club. Tickets can be purchased at the door \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children.

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SOUTHERN GARDENING

BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center

At a garden center recently, I saw one of the best buys in flowers just waiting for a good home. This plant was offered in feathered plumes, cockscombs or flowers resembling wheatears. You guessed it -- it was the celosia.

Originating in the tropics, the celosia produces flowers from summer through fall. Its ability to withstand drought and extremely hot temperatures should win it a Mississippi Medallion Award, a Georgia Gold Medal and every other honor in the South.

If the intense heat we have endured so far this summer sends you looking for long-lasting, tough color -- look no further than the durable celosia. A valuable source of color when summer has flowers looking tired, the celosia is also a popular cut flower. It is perfect for drying or using in floral arrangements.

As with many flowers, the key ingredient to great performance is good soil drainage. Wet, soggy soil is lethal to celosia, so amend as needed.

Select healthy, growing transplants with few buds showing, or plant seeds in warm soil. Prior to planting, prepare the bed area with 2 pounds per 100 square feet of a slow-release, 12-6-6 fertilizer with minor nutrients. Space plants 10 to 15 inches apart.

This trouble-free plant may benefit from a fungicide application during abnormally wet summers. Feed the celosia with a light application of fertilizer every six to eight weeks to keep it growing vigorously.

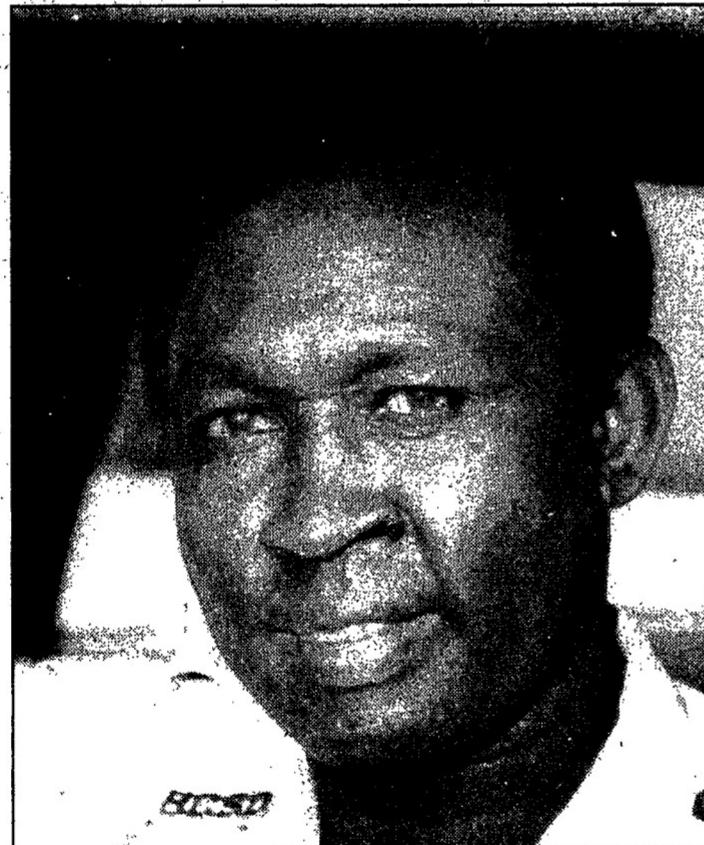
If drying for winter arrangements, be sure to harvest before seed-set. Then strip foliage and hang upside-down in a cool, dark, well-ventilated area.

Spot-planting does not do this plant justice. Mass plant at least nine -- 15 would be better in an informal drift for the most effective landscape display. Plant them in combination with other drought-tolerant

GARDENING--4B

Lost Communities OF HANCOCK COUNTY

BORN IN Nancy's Flat



(Above) Willie Lee became one of the first two black deputies to be sworn into the Hancock County Sheriff's Department in 1964. He retired in 1992 after an eventful career which included catching a suspected murderer in his own truck while off duty. But that's another story

(Top) Willie Lee at his home in Pearlington. Lee was born at Nancy's Flat near Westonia, in a shotgun house on family land. He married the former Eddie Christmas of Westonia after "stealing" her from under her father's watchful eye, he said.

Willie Lee was one of first two black Hancock County deputies

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Who knows why we remember the things we do. The same thing can happen to two people and each will remember the event in a different way, their own unique way. The people who lived in West Hancock County are no different in the way they remember their communities of Logtown, Westonia, Napoleon, Gainesville, Santa Rosa, and other areas, Nancy's Flat, Bayou LaCroix and more I haven't discovered.

Though their lives intertwined in many ways, each person has a unique memory to share and together they make up the history of these communities that are now lost to us. In many cases individual memories are the only record we will ever have of a way of life that vanished forever when

What is history? Surely it is more than statistics and dates that are recorded in a book. To many, history is the remembrances of the people who were there and those memories may be as similar as varied

as the people themselves. For many of the communities that were once in Hancock County, Log Town, Santa Rosa, Gainesville, Napoleon, Stevenson, and Westonia, the memories of the people who were there are all we have to remind us of what once was a vital part of local life.

We settled into lawn chairs in front of the breeze. "I was born in Logtown in 1926, well really in Nancy's Flat just across from Westonia," said Lee. "Nancy's Flat was just across Hwy. 43 from Westonia, but when the house was built, there was no 43, just a wagon trail, and the houses were built with their backs to the road. All six of us were born out

we gave up a third of our county to the federal government to build Stennis Space Center.

It was a hot day when I went to talk to Pearlington resident Willie Lee, who

retired as a deputy in the Sheriff's Department in 1992, one of the first two black deputies to be hired in the county. He suggested we sit outside in front of a huge shop fan he had in the yard, on account of he never used his air conditioners, he said. They bother his sinuses, he said, and after his wife of over 40 years, the former Eddie B. Christmas of Westonia, went to take care of her elderly mother down the street, he stopped using them.

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NANCY'S FLAT-4B

1963 - Groundbreaking for telephones exchange for Standard, Sellers, Necaise Crossing and Dedeaux

TEN YEARS AGO

June 13, 1993 - The House Space, Science and Technology Committee voted to cancel the \$313 million allocated for NASA's Advanced Solid Rocket Motor (ASRM) program Wednesday.

The project was started to build a safer rocket booster for the space shuttle in response to the 1986 explosion of the Challenger space shuttle that left seven astronauts dead. Locally the ASRM found opposition groups, who claimed the testing would

Back in Time



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TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 9, 1983 - "The pub-

lic was well-mannered and we appreciate it," said Brenda Anderson of the Bay St. Louis Police Department when she mentioned that the festival went very smoothly last Sunday with hardly any trouble. One or two minor arrests occurred during the festival but, "Nothing big," Anderson continued. She added, "There was one violation of the glass container ordinance and two lost children but on the whole the festival was very nice." Anderson concluded.

-A reception honoring

Mrs. Emily DeMontluzin,

retiring language teacher at Bay High School, is planned for the night of June 20. The organizers of the reception are former students of the Latin and French teacher she retired at the end of the 1982-83 school year. She is described as a teacher who did just a little more for students throughout her teaching career at Bay High.

FORTY YEARS AGO

June 13, 1963 - (Photo) Charles Levinghouse, Beat 3 supervisor, breaks ground for the new Standard

Exchange of Southern Bell Telephone Co. in presence of James Necaise, Beat 4 supervisor; Nick French, Harrison county supervisor, and L. Fortenberry, telephone construction foreman.

Service is slated to begin in the fall on the \$195,000 project which calls for nearly 100 miles of buried cable and wiring, says J.C. Gabney, group manager for Southern Bell. It will serve Dedeaux, Sellers, Necaise Crossing and Standard, connected to Pass Christian

TIME-4B

Mississippi leaders unveil Public Health Education campaign for West Nile Virus

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi public health officials are ready to "Fight the Bite" this mosquito season.

On Friday, June 13, Mississippi State Department of Health officials, along with Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove, unveiled its West Nile virus public education campaign.

"Fight the Bite" public health education campaign materials, including television and radio public service announcements, cooperation with community leaders throughout the state, and a website focus, place Mississippi in the forefront in public awareness on this mosquito-borne illness.

"We are not surprised that West Nile virus has already made an appearance," said Mississippi State Health Officer Brian Amy, MD, MHA, MPK. "It is following an expected course, and we are applying knowledge gained last year to 'Fight the Bite' this year."

"The good news is that we do know how West Nile

virus is spread, and there are simple precautions we can take to reduce our risk of contracting this disease."

Dr. Amy added that the new public health campaign materials are geared toward prevention.

Governor Ronnie Musgrove encouraged a shared vision of individual and community involvement in the protection and prevention of West Nile virus.

"Mississippi's 'Fight the Bite' campaign will target individuals, their homes, and their community," said Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove. "Prevention and protection begin at the local level."

In addition to the radio and television public service announcements, additional "Fight the Bite" materials are available on the Mississippi State Department of Health's website: www.health.ms.gov.

West Nile virus materials are geared to various audiences: physicians and health

care workers (to help recognize and provide for West Nile Virus patients); educators; community leaders; mosquito-control personnel; select groups such as senior citizens, day care centers, summer camps and schools.

Dr. Amy encourages the public to visit the agency website - a vast resource for West Nile virus information - including links to many other websites such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "The public can even report dead birds online," said Dr. Amy.

According to Sally Slavinski, DVM, MPH, an epidemiologist with the Mississippi State Department of Health, the Mississippi State Department of Health has already initiated partnerships with the Mississippi Municipal League and the Board of Supervisors, the Mississippi Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, local officials, other state agencies, and other individuals to reduce the potential impact of West Nile virus.

"By defining and communicating roles that individuals and communities can play in the response to West Nile, the public is a capable ally in promoting public health," said Slavinski.

"Community leaders are encouraged to work with the Mississippi Municipal League and the Board of Supervisors," said Slavinski, "who have taken the lead in Mississippi's

fight against West Nile Virus by supporting and advocating the Health Departments mosquito control workshops and promoting the 'Fight the Site' campaign."

To date, Mississippi has had three birds test positive for West Nile virus, all from the Hinds County area. Last year, Mississippi, along with the rest of the nation, experienced one of the largest outbreaks of

West Nile virus ever documented. In Mississippi alone, 193 human cases were reported, resulting in 12 deaths. Nationwide there were over 4,000 cases and 284 deaths.

A West Nile virus hotline is also available for the public to ask questions about West Nile virus or to report a dead bird by simply calling 1-877-WST-NILE.

Summer Solstice Skim Board Competition

the sea coast echo

Da Beach House presents the "2nd Annual Summer Solstice Skim-Off." The entire Gulf Coast Community is invited to attend on Saturday, June 21, 2003 to witness a "slidin', glidin', a few floaters, with some back slidin', a lotta distance enhanced with at 360 or two... kinda good time." The 2nd Annual Skim Board Competition will be fea-

tured on the beach in front of Da Beach House, located at 604 South Beach Blvd. in beautiful Bay St. Louis, MS. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. at Da Beach House. The Skim Board competition will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the beach in front of the sponsoring venue. A bonfire will be light of the awards ceremony immediately following the competition. Join us for some good ole' water fun with a Mississippi

style..."when no surf...go skim."

All ages are invited to participate and the event is free to everyone. Prized will be awarded for best in each age group, best overall and creative expression.

Other events include a beach clean-up and free kayak demo for the entire community. For additional information, please contact Da Beach House at 228-467-9477.

Attention Restaurant Owners...

Advertising is an investment in the success of your restaurant. Every restaurant has competition, either within the town, or nearby city. Your potential customers are being courted by your competitors. If you do not invite those customers to do business with you, they are likely to forget you and dine elsewhere. It is not uncommon for consumers to switch their dining habits from one restaurant to another. Advertising helps to keep old customers and equally as important, make new ones.

Our community is constantly growing which means that potential customers are moving into the market area all the time. Advertising gives these newcomers a reason to visit your restaurant.

Most businesses budget for their advertising expenses just as they do for other necessities such as rent, phones, etc. Smart business people realize that advertising is imperative to keep their business growing.

Another reason to advertise is that advertising is news! You profit by telling our readers what is new in your restaurant. Through advertising, you can let a wide audience know what specials you are offering, perhaps what entertainment you may have and the character of your restaurant.

If you have something to sell, then you have something to advertise. When you have nothing to advertise, you are out of business. Advertising is designed to build your business and works best when it is repeated regularly. Consistent advertising pays off!

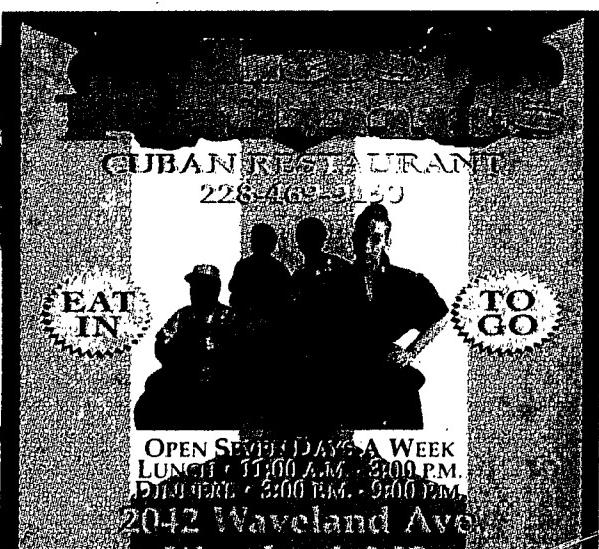
Now that you know some of the reasons to advertise, you're probably wondering how you can advertise most effectively. Surveys show that ads in local newspapers have more impact than in any other medium. The Sea Coast Echo goes into the majority of the homes in Hancock County. The Sea Coast Echo is full of interesting reading, it is a part of our community. People like to read

about people and The Sea Coast Echo is full of pictures and stories about local people. The most important reason to advertise in The Sea Coast Echo is that our readers are your customers.

If you're looking for the best advertising value for your money, then you should contact the advertising department at The Sea Coast Echo. One of our advertising representatives will be happy to discuss the many advertising options offered by The Sea Coast Echo. For more information you may call 467-5474, Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm, or stop by our office at 124 Court Street, Bay St. Louis.

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SPORTS

Free boat and water safety classes Scheduled for July-September

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Department of Marine Resources' (DMR) Boat and Water Safety class schedule for July through September 2003 is now available. Classes are free and open to all ages. Pre-registration is required.

In order to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Mississippi, those born after June 30, 1980, are required to successfully complete an approved boating safety course and to have a certificate of satisfactory completion in their possession while in operation of the motorboat.

The DMR Marine Patrol-sponsored courses have been designed to effectively introduce topics such as boat registration, navigation rules, trailering, first aid response and weather watch into a comprehensive one- or two-session class. The classes are taught locally with many convenient locations. To pre-register for a class or to bring a class into your school call the DMR Boat and Water Safety Bureau at (228) 435-1332 or (228) 432-2820.

In Mississippi, it is against the law for anyone 12 years old and under to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft unless they possess a certificate and are accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person who is at least 21 years of age.

Anyone riding or operating a personal watercraft in Mississippi waters must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type 1, 2, or 3 PFD.

Since the inception of the DMR's Boat and Water Safety program in March 2000, the marine patrol officers in the DMR's Boat and Water Safety Bureau have taught 337 certification courses and certified a total of 3,641 students.

The DMR's Boat and

Water Safety Bureau comprises four Marine Patrol officers with more than 80 years of combined experience to relate to the public on these programs. More than 6,227 students have attended the DMR's Boat and Water Safety presentation programs. These programs and certification courses are conducted by the DMR free of charge. In the three coastal counties, year-round for the public and in the school systems.

In the DMR's Boat and

Water Safety presentation

program, students learn the

history of boat and water

safety, the duties of the

DMR's Marine Patrol, what

to expect in the certification

course and why there is a

need for it. Topics covered

include registration, safety

equipment, negligent opera-

tion, who has the right of

way, boating accidents, no

wake zones, weather and

navigational aids.

The Boat and Water

Safety Bureau has also

spread the message of boat-

safety to about 25,000

people through its outreach

programs and exhibits at

various events. Marine

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Department of Wildlife,

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Nancy's Flat

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there. Back then everyone knew you and you knew everyone."

Even though he was small he still remembers the cold and leaky little shotgun house at the Flat that the family called home before they moved for the first time in 1929 or '30 to The Point near Logtown. They left behind Lee's grandmother at the Flat. She lived in a larger, nicer house there, he said. Soon after, he started school at Rosenwald School. He remembers his first teacher as Helen Abram.

Their time at the Point was short though and in 1932 the family moved back to Nancy's Flat. Lee's grandmother had moved and the family moved into her house. They lived there under the fruit trees until 1938, Lee said, when one of his daddy's sisters decided she wanted the house for herself though she didn't end up living there.

"At that time daddy built us a shack to live in. It was never painted but just closed in against the weather," Lee said.

While living in his grandmother's old house Lee remembers that an aunt used to come and can the pears that grew on the trees in the yard. Then she would lock them up in a pantry. After a while she complained to my mother that the pears were disappearing. She said us kids were stealing them.

"That made my mama mad and she took up for us, but you know, we really were stealing them, out of the back of the cupboard that had a cardboard back and taking them into the woods to eat," Lee said.

The woods were where the kids spent a lot of time playing and he and his brother had all kinds of things to play with out there, he said. What he remembers most are the flying squirrels that they caught and tamed for pets.

He also remembers the long walk through the woods to school, about three or four miles, when the weather permitted. But after a big rain you couldn't walk through the woods and had to use the road and it was much further by road, he said.

"So we didn't go to

school much when the weather was bad," said Lee. "There were no buses for the black children, but there was one for the white children and I used to wonder why the bus would pass us by, why we couldn't have a ride to school."

Lee's parents never did own an automobile, he said, and never did learn to drive. The girls would usually go to school a little longer than the boys, he said, because the boys would be expected to get a job to help pay the bills and keep up the family.

In 1932, when Lee was eight, he remembers the community being hard hit by the depression. He remembers being hungry a lot and working just to get something to eat, and hopefully, a little something to take home for everyone else.

"Even though we had a garden we missed a lot of meals," he said. "And I remember having to chew a piece of sugar cane just to get something in my stomach."

During those years, Lee's daddy was gone a lot, he said, working in a camp over near where Port Bienville is now, hauling paper wood for a week or weeks at a time.

After the family moved to their shack, Lee thinks in 1939, he remembers several white men coming to the door and asking his daddy to store some barrels of moon shine in the big house for them.

His daddy said the house belonged to his sister and he would have to ask her permission. They told him to have an answer by the next evening, Lee said. The answer was no and not the one they wanted. They told us that if they couldn't use the house than not one would.

"Later that night we looked out, about 1 or 2 a.m. and they were setting fire to the house. My daddy told us to go back to bed and he never reported it as far as I know," Lee said. "But I knew all those men then and I know all of them now, though some may have died. They passed not more than a few feet in front of me when they drove away."

In 1941 things began to take a turn for the better.

Lee got work in the paper wood industry, loading logs by hand onto barges in the Pearl River at Logtown. He remembers H.D. Dean and Howze stores and The Fountain's pharmacy and that Sam Whitfield had an office in the pharmacy. He also remembers the time that a truck full of logs backed right off the barge into the river.

In 1942 one of Lee's brothers went into the service and began to send money home and the family was able to build a better house, using the money and the lumber that Lee's daddy was able to bring home from his job at a saw mill. The house still didn't have any electricity or running water, he said. In 1944 the family had another setback when an aunt in charge of the property sold it to the Thigpens. They had to move the house, board by board to The Point.

By the time the house was finished it was about 1947. Lee's brother John had recently married Lillian Rodgers. The 1947 hurricane hit that year too. Everyone came to the Lee house because it was new and strong. The storm was different, he said, because it was during the day and you could see the trees blowing and bending.

Shortly after, Lee started to move around to find work and ended up in New Orleans, not returning to the area until around 1960 when he and his bride Eddie settled once again in Logtown.

They had known each other all their lives, but Eddie's father did not approve of Lee.

"I was known as quite the lady's man," said Lee. "But we didn't want to marry anyone else but each other."

So the two ran off to Gulfport to be married and kept the marriage secret for about 9 months, Lee said. The marriage produced seven children. And after a while the family accepted him.

In early 1964, at the last possible moment, the Lees moved their almost new little house to Pearlington. To leave their birth place and relocate their lives the government had paid them \$3,500.

Traffic Alert: Lane closures on 1-10 in St. Tammany Parish, La.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) has announced the following traffic alert to motorists traveling in Mississippi should detour via Mississippi Highway 607 to US 90 to US 190 and back to I-10 in Slidell. Motorists traveling from Louisiana should detour via US 190 to US 90 to Mississippi Highway 607 and back to I-10.

Work has begun on Phase One of a reconstruction project on I-10 in St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana to install permeable drains in existing shoulders at various locations. Crews have begun work on the westbound

lanes and will follow with the eastbound lanes.

Motorists are advised to expect delays when traveling through the area and if possible to take the following alternate routes: Motorists traveling in Mississippi should detour via Mississippi Highway 607 to US 90 to US 190 and back to I-10 in Slidell. Motorists traveling from Louisiana should detour via US 190 to US 90 to Mississippi Highway 607 and back to I-10.

Work began on this project on June 2, 2003. According to LADOTD web site, lane closures will be

allowed in only one direction at a time. During the holidays, no lane closures will be allowed.

MDOT along with LADOTD urge all motorists to use caution and be observant in all areas where they see work crews on the highways. Please slow down to reduce the risk of accidents.

If you have any questions pertaining to this project, you may call the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development at (225) 379-1202 or access the agency web site at www.dotd.state.la.us.

Time

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office, enabling customers to call without toll Bay St. Louis and Gulfport exchanges as well as Pass Christian.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
June 12, 1953 - In a joint meeting the Nay St. Louis Lions Club and Rotary Club, heard a discussion on the almost completed Bay St. Louis bridge, which is due to be opened about July 20.

John D. Smith of Mendenhall, Highway Commissioner for the Southern District, who told the two clubs of the many difficulties that have faced the engineers since the start of the new span, and he was not in favor of the toll, but since that was the only way in which the bridge could be built at this time, he was glad to have the facility.

Smith said that the fees would be 25 cents for cars

and pickups; 50 cents for one and-a-half and two ton trucks; 75 cents for tandem axle trucks and \$1 for tractor-trailers, transports and buses.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
June 13, 1943 - Young men between the ages of 18 and 26 can still become aviation cadets so long as they have not received their notice to report for induction, The Aviation

Examining Board here announced in the revealing that the time of processing applications has been cut materially. There is still a need for flyers and even though enlistments have been banned in other branches of the service men between 18 and 26 can volunteer at any of the eight Aviation Cadet Selection Boards in Mississippi.

Gardening

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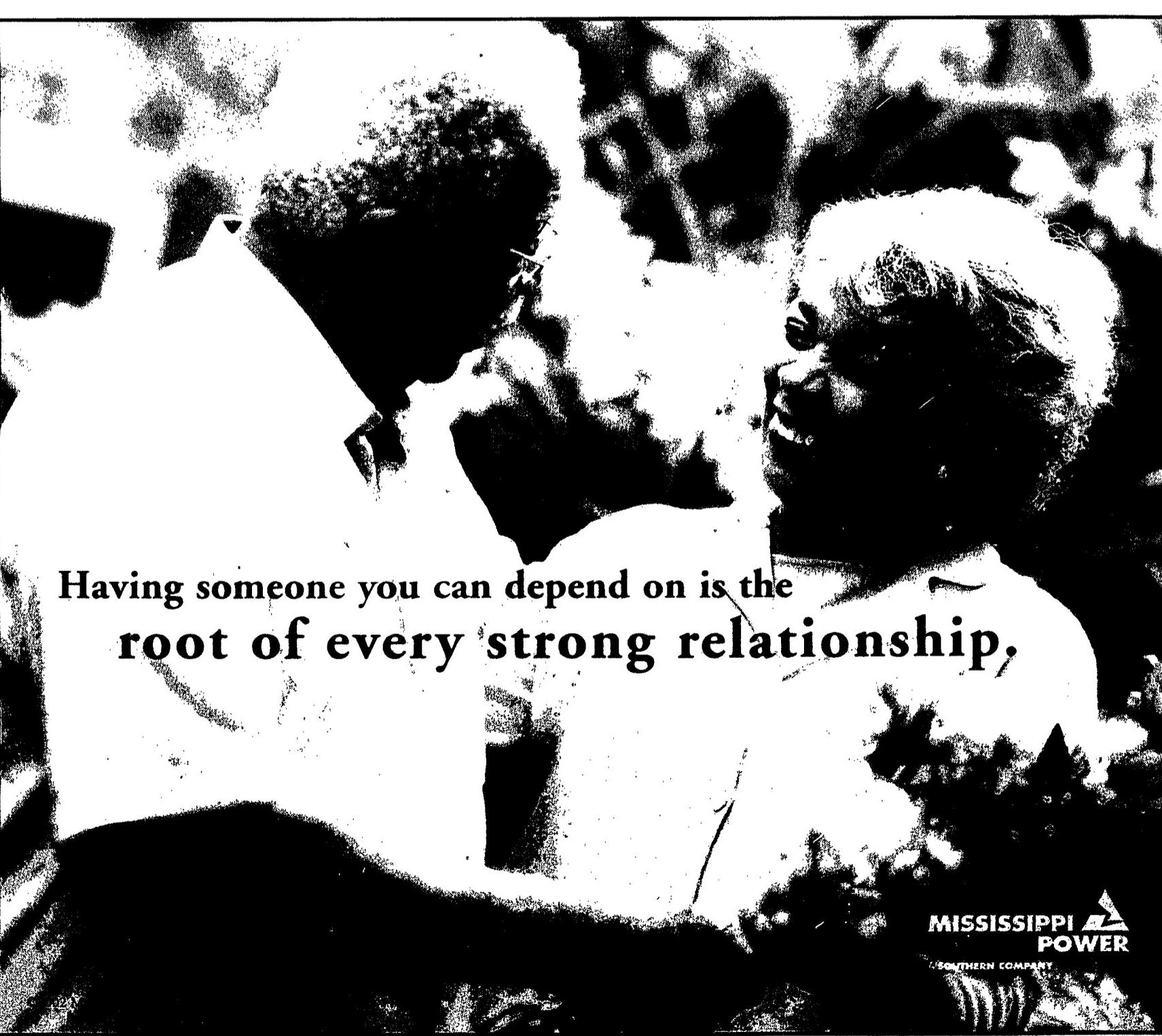
Popular Crista, or cockscomb, varieties are the Bombay and Chief series. Fireglow was an All America Selections winner in 1964, and the multiflora Prestige Scarlet received that honor in 1997.

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St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis recently celebrated its 149th commencement exercises. Honors diplomas were awarded to 11 graduating seniors, including back row, from left: Kunal Patel, Jesse Edward Brown, Jr., Chandler Wilson Allee, Benjamin Broughman Benvenuti, Young-Tak "Phillip" Oh, and Nathan Peter Sison. Front row, from left: Stephen Hammill Schroll, William Drew Boxx II, Frederick Bentz Mallini, Scott Francis Hillbrand, Jr., and Paul Franklin Burnett.

Pass resident graduates from Boston College

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Tegan M. Pollock of Pass Christian has graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science degree from its William F. Connell School of Nursing. Pollock majored in nursing.

More than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at the university's 127th Commencement Exercises, held on May 19 in Alumni Stadium on the Boston College campus in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

In addition, Boston College awarded honorary degrees to four other distinguished alumni who, through their words and deeds, exemplify the university's Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Sister Kathleen Carr, CSJ, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Boston, BC Professor Emeritus John L. Mahoney, holder of the university's Rattigan Chair in English; Dawn McNair, a first-grade teacher who was named Massachusetts Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002, and Thomas A. Vanderslice, retired chair and CEO of

M/A-COM Inc. and long-time BC benefactor.

The Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, 25th president of Boston College, presented the degrees.

Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1863, Boston College is one of the largest Catholic universities in the United States, with an enrollment of approximately 14,500 undergraduate and graduate students drawn from all 50 states and 85 countries. It also is one of the nation's most selective universities, each year more than 20,000 students apply to its 2,200-member freshman class. Its faculty of eminent scholars is dedicated to teaching, both at the undergraduate level and in its nationally-noted graduate programs in education, law, management, nursing and social work.

Though it has grown in size, stature and diversity, Boston College remains focused on its founding Jesuit mission to offer students a transforming educational experience: to help them develop both their

intellect and their character, and to encourage them to lead lives of faith, integrity and service to others.

Millsaps announces Dean's and President's spring scholars lists

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Millsaps College recently issued a list of students who were named to the Dean's and President's Scholars Lists for the Spring 2003 Semester. Students who earn a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.849 are named to the Dean's list and students who earn a grade point average of 3.850 to 4.0 are named to the President's list.

Founded in 1890 and affiliated with The United Methodist Church, Millsaps College ranks in the top third of all national liberal arts colleges and is 20th in value according to US News & World Report (September 2002). The College is the only institu-

tion in Mississippi ever to be listed in The Fiske Guide to Colleges and has been recognized by The Templeton Foundation as a college that encourages character development.

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Spring Hill College '03 Spring Dean's List

Colleen Bartholomew and Lauren Hansell of Waveland have been named to the 2003 spring semester Dean's List at Spring Hill College. The Dean's List is the highest honor roll at the College. To qualify for this honor, a student must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, attempted six semester or cycle hours and have no "incompletes" on his or her record.

Spring Hill College is located on Alabama's Gulf Coast in the suburbs of Mobile, Ala., a metropolitan area of just over 500,000 people. A Jesuit liberal arts institution founded in 1830, the College is the oldest college in the state of Alabama. U.S. News & World Report ranked Spring Hill College 15th in overall quality in the Southern region of the United States.

Stanislaus hosts 149th commencement; Sison named valedictorian; Mallini is salutatorian

Nathan Peter Sison and Frederick Bentz Mallini were named as the St. Stanislaus College Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, from among the 79 SSC graduates at the 149th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, Principal.

Allen David Leone, Jr., was presented the Presidents Award by Brother Ronald Talbot, President. This is the highest award given to a graduating senior.

Sison is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Sison, of Long Beach, Mississippi. Mallini is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Mallini, Jr., of Pass Christian, Mississippi. Leone is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Leone, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Angelo S. Leone, Sr., both of Metairie, Louisiana.

Honors Diplomas were presented to eleven seniors who have successfully completed seven honors courses, earned 28 credits, and maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. The recipients were as follows: Chandler Wilson Allee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Allee of Pass Christian, Mississippi; Benjamin Brougham Benvenuti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Benvenuti of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; William Drew Box II, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Box of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; Jesse Edward Brown, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Brown of Diamondhead, Mississippi; Paul Franklin Burnett, son of Mrs. Susan B. Burnett of Pass Christian, Mississippi; Scott Francis Hillanbrand, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott F. Hillanbrand of Gulfport, Mississippi; Frederick Bentz Mallini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Mallini, Jr., of Pass Christian, Mississippi; Young-Tak "Phillip" Oh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jai Kyug Oh of Seoul, Korea; Kunal Patel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kantu Patel of Diamondhead, Mississippi; Stephen Hammill Schroll, son of Mrs. Janet Schroll of Waveland, Mississippi; and Nathan Peter Sison, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Sison of Long Beach, Mississippi.

Character Cups were awarded to a day student and a resident student. The Character Cup for a day student was presented to Nathan Peter Sison, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Sison of Long Beach, Mississippi. The Character Cup for a resident student was presented to Young-Tak "Phillip" Oh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jai Kyug Oh of Seoul, Korea.

The St. Stanislaus Alumni Association Award was presented by Mr. Joseph Monti, St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association President and 1970 graduate of St. Stanislaus, to Jeremy Christopher Lewis, son of Mrs. Anne Marie Petrovich of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Mr. Jonathan Lewis of Natchez, Mississippi.

The American Legion Award, which fellow seniors



Nathan Peter Sison - Valedictorian and Frederick Bentz Mallini - Salutatorian



l-r: Nathan Peter Sison - Character Cup Day Student, Allen David Leone, Jr. - President's Award, and Young-Tak "Phillip" Oh - Character Cup Day Student

and the St. Stanislaus faculty chose, was presented to Frederick Bentz Mallini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Mallini of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The Scholar-Athlete Award was presented to two graduates: Frederick Bentz Mallini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Mallini, Jr., of Pass Christian, Mississippi; Young-Tak "Phillip" Oh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jai Kyug Oh of Seoul, Korea; Kunal Patel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kantu Patel of Diamondhead, Mississippi; Stephen Hammill Schroll, son of Mrs. Janet Schroll of Waveland, Mississippi; and Nathan Peter Sison, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Sison of Long Beach, Mississippi.

The Jean Simon Award was presented to Paul Franklin Burnett, son of Mrs. Susan B. Burnett of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The Resident Student Conduct Award was presented to R. Joseph Cerone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Joseph Cerone of New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Resident Student Character Award was presented to Uchenna Okechukwu Aduba, son of Dr. and Mrs. N.C.O. Aduba of the Cote d'Ivoire.

Upon the successful completion of the high school course of study as prescribed by St. Stanislaus, with the approval of the Diocese of Biloxi, The State Department of Education, and The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary School, the honors of graduation were conferred upon the following young men: Uchenna Okechukwu Aduba, Chandler Wilson Allee, Brett Joseph Amond, Elliot Ricardo Arroyo Casillas, Andrew Kraak Battle, Brian Mathew Begnaud,

Benjamin Brougham Benvenuti, Jeremy Edwin Boelte, Brent Michael Bothner, William Drew Box II, Jesse Edward Brown, Jr., Matthew Thomas Burke, Paul Franklin Burnett, Russell Joseph Cerone, John Hutton Chapman II, Jorge Abel Charruf Caceres, William Cuellar Coleman, David Anthony Cruthirds, Ryan Brent DeLaune, Peter Edward Doty, Todd Michael Farrar, Michael Richard Felter, Dave Anton Florek, Mitchell Everett Fortenberry, Nathan Daniel Franco, Michael Ryan Fritz, James Maxwell Fulford, Joseph Davis Gammill, Chase Marion Garcia, Mason Szilagyi Gordon, Jr., Christopher James Griffith, Taylor Keith Handshoe, William Francis Harris, Scott Francis

Hillanbrand, Jr., Michael Vincent Hoda, Brett William Hode, Ryan Patrick Hoover, Edward Matthew Jasper, Darren Clark Keel, Jeremy Michael Keller, Jae-wook Kim, and Jerrime Collins Kitsos.

Additional graduates were Andrew Joseph Ladner, Chad Joseph Ladner, Allen David Leone, Jr., Jeremy Christopher Lewis, John Albert Logarbo, Frederick Bentz Mallini, Benjamin Paul McMath, Zachary Prentiss Mellen, Shea Massey Moore, Peter Francis Murphy, Patrick Louis Natal, Jr., Dominic Minh Huy Nguyen, Jason Francis Nicosia, Mario Alexander Nievias, Young Tak Phillip Oh, Kunal Patel, Teddy Leif August Plocharski, Schutt, Rellebamba, Armel Eric Porgo, Robert Anthony Reso, Jo Sam Rolfe, Hunter Garnett Ryland, Junior Salumu-Shabani, Stephen Hammill Schroll, Nathan Peter Sison, Spencer Daniel Stagg, Christopher Harrison Stovall, Daniel Stephen Surbeck, Kenneth Lee Swenson, Jr., Samuel Augustus Tart, James Michael Terrell, Jr., Paul Anthony Thibodeaux, David Allen Treutel III, Huy Quang Trieu, Louis Anthony West, Ryan McKinley Williamson, Gabrial James Willis, Kevin Scott Witt, and Ashton Delmar Wright.

Bishop Thomas J. Rodi, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, was the principal celebrant for the Eucharistic liturgy with area priests as concelebrants.

Also joining the parents, faculty, and administration of St. Stanislaus College were Dr. Lanny Acosta, Superintendent of Education of the Diocese of Biloxi, and Brother Ivy LeBlanc, Provincial Superior of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in the New Orleans Province.

St. Stanislaus College is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 6-12. The school fosters character formation and integrates faith development within a curriculum, which is primarily college preparatory.

Entertainment

Mosaic artist has worked her magic on the Gulf Coast for past 25 years

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For 25 years, mosaic artist Elizabeth Veglia has worked her magic, creating the fluid motion of watercolors with hard pieces of tile and stained glass. This weekend, the public is invited to see her latest works in her home studio and gallery in Bay St. Louis.

The studio, which is located at 209 North Second St. in the Old Town section of Bay St. Louis, will be open on Friday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An opening reception for the show entitled "Talkin' Tile" will be held on Thursday, June 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The show will be a rare opportunity to view not only her work, but to see where her magical pieces are created.

Many may already be familiar with Veglia's work, which is prominently displayed in permanent installations across the coast

including the George Ohr Museum, the Ocean Springs Civic Center, the Waveland City Hall and the Bay St. Louis Branch of the Hancock County Library. An installation built into the old foundation of the Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi recreates the tropical power of the hurricane as a permanent memorial to the 30th anniversary of Hurricane Camille.

This weekend Veglia will display a series of works dedicated to the sea and the world around it. Sea themes and especially sea birds will dominate the display. Other works, including a table and chairs with an elephant theme will also be on display. Viewers will also get a chance to see a work in progress, a mural which will eventually

be a permanent fixture in the lobby of the Hancock Medical Center.

Veglia's inspiration comes from nature, she says, its ever changing beauty, generosity and boundless energy which she magically harnesses into pieces of enduring permanence. That permanence,



(Left) "Talkin' Tile" will be the theme of mosaic artist Elizabeth Veglia's show June 19-21 in Old Town. (Above) Elizabeth Veglia at her studio.

she says, is symbolic of the lasting presence that each life leaves behind.

Each mosaic is created, Veglia says, with pieces that attempt to capture the flow of energy of the part of life that it is depicting, the

flow of a tree, the way a bird's wings stretch out, the round fluffy shape of a billowy cumulus cloud.

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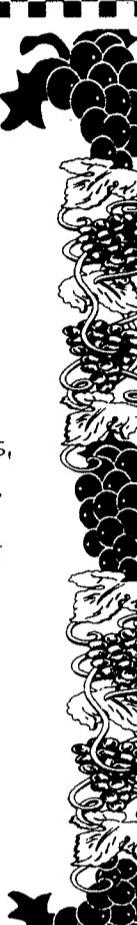
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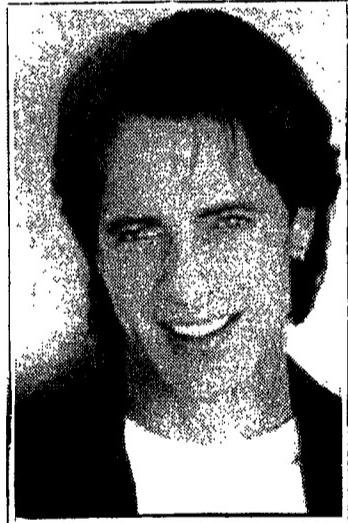
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Rick Springfield, Grammy Award winner and star of television, stage, and film, will rock the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, June 20.

Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95 and \$29.95 and are available at Casino Magic Box Office or any Ticketmaster location. For the last two years, Springfield could be seen in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Hotel's "EFX Alive," a special effects laden music and theatre show. Springfield took over the show's central role in January 2001 from former "Partridge Family" teen idol David Cassidy.

Although Springfield is working on new CD now, his latest album is also his first live recording from his 1999 concert tour called "Rick Springfield Alive - Greatest Hits Live."

He had six albums before his live effort including his multi-platinum "Working Class Dog." His other albums were "Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet" (1982), "Living In Oz" (1983), "Hard To Hold" Soundtrack (1984), "Tao" (1985), "Rock Of Life" (1988), and "Karma" which was released in 1998. He has written and performed some of the most enduring pop music of the '80s. sold



Rick Springfield

more than 18,000,000 records, had multi-platinum albums, been nominated for, and won Grammys. He has also earned 17 Top 40 Hits, including five Top 10 hits "Affair Of The Heart," "I've Done Everything For You," "Don't Talk To Strangers," "Love Somebody" and, of course, the number one smash hit "Jessie's Girl."

Singer-songwriter-guitarist Springfield, born in Sydney, Australia enjoyed hits in his native country before moving to America in the early 70s and hitting the American charts in 1972 with "Speak To The Sky."

Springfield then started an acting career, although he continued to write and record, and first became a household name playing Dr. Noah Drake on the TV soap

opera "General Hospital" in 1981. He has also appeared in such movies as "Dead Reckoning," "With Harmful Intent" and "Hard To Hold".

Now, Springfield is back touring for the first time in several years. Don't miss him at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis for one performance only Friday, June 20. Must be 21.

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The Sea Coast Echo

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30 Lost and Found

REWARD LOST DOG!! 3 MONTH old Chocolate Lab, names Dixie. Last seen wearing a hot pink collar. Call 466-5049.

46 Home Improvement

ADDITIONS, REMODELING
Nichols Construction All Home Repairs. Interior/Exterior Painting. Concrete/work/driveways. ETC. Sheet Rock Finishing blown ceilings. 30/yr/Experience. Licensed/Bonded. Free-Estimates. 467-3130.

AMEN SPECIALTY DECKS, FOR POOLS, Porches, Gazebos, Doors & more. 342-6148

ARNOLD'S CONCRETE FINISHING Forming and finishing driveways, walkways, patio's, etc. Also available coloring and texturing. Call Thomas. 467-4960.

FOREMAN PROFESSIONAL Roofing: Now servicing all your roofing needs! Free estimates within 24 hours. Licensed, bonded, insured. 463-9912.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR, ROOFING, carpentry, vinyl siding, additions, painting. Free estimates, licensed, bonded. Call Mason. 466-4877.

GIPSON'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS: 42 yrs. resident, 25 yrs. experience, licensed, bonded, insured. Repairs, remodeling, additions, vinyl siding, cement work, bath rooms & kitchen. Free estimates references. All work guaranteed. 255-8367.

JASPER FAUCETTA HOME IMPROVEMENTS: Established 1972. Residential, commercial, new homes, additions, remodeling, vinyl siding, roofing, concrete driveways and foundation repairs, and house leveling. All work guaranteed. State licensed, insured, bonded, references. Free estimates. 467-5845.

SONNY CUEVAS CONSTRUCTION: Additions, new construction, remodeling, roofing, painting, etc. Licensed and bonded, references. 30 years experience, free estimates. 466-9118.

53 Schools & Instruction

ELEMENTARY TUTORING IN MY Home. Call 467-9544.

Call 467-5473
to subscribe to
The Sea Coast Echo
Newspaper
for all your local news!

56 Services Offered

GET A NEW PERSPECTIVE: Shannon Jenkins Photography offers a new angle on portraiture while utilizing everyday locations as backdrops. Call 228-332-1483 to view his unique portfolio and set up a photo session.

A TRASH HAULING AND grass cutting. 467-1577 or 467-4266, anytime.

Dumptruck & Tractor Service
All types dirt, grading, leveling, limestone driveways built and repaired.

466-5657 • Cell 216-5566

AA VINCENT'S DUMP TRUCK SERVICE: Fill dirt, sand, top soil, gravel. Dirt spread. 467-9273, Cell 493-0883.

ALBERT'S GRASS CUTTING: Tree trimming and removal, trash hauling, weed eating & edging. Reliable & references. 467-0049.

B & C LAND SERVICES: Dirt hauling, dozer, tractor, excavator work. Business 228-467-0426, Fax 228-467-9968. Cell 228-806-4499, Cell 228-493-7866.

BRAD'S DUMP TRUCK SERVICE: Fill dirt, sand, gravel, top soil & limestone. 467-6763.

BUBBA'S BEARS SMALL REPAIR: Small plumbing, carpentry, painting, screening, cabinet repair or replacing, doors & locks & more. 466-0222, 383-1808.

BULKHEAD'S, BOAT DOCK'S, boat launches. 30 years experience. 469-9451, Joe Bourgeois.

COMPLETE HOME SERVICES: Plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, roofing, trees & 70 more services. Mac. 463-2320.

CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION: House Framing. Call Dave @ 586-1108 or Jim @ 255-2597 or 493-2138.

CUSTOM HAY BAILING, PLEASE. Call after 5:00p.m. 601-798-7372.

DALE'S DIRT SERVICE: TRACTOR work, top-soil, yard sand, clay gravel, fill dirt, limestone, gravel. Cell 228-697-0727 or 228-255-2656.

DASPIK TRUCK & TRACTOR SERVICE: Fill dirt, top soil, sand, gravel. Bobcat & concrete work. Reasonable rates. 228-255-3518, Cell 985-707-3700.

GAS PLUMBING & CONSTRUCTION: 24 hours/day, 7 days/week 228-468-2840, \$10 off when mentioning this ad on any service repair call.

56 Services Offered

GULF CLEARING AND Construction: I can do lot clearing, canals, streets, ponds, demolition, disaster clean up. 463-0831 or 601-799-0948.

MOVING MADE EASY! LOCAL, One way or out of state. Call me and let's make a deal. Brian, 255-9274.

PERRY'S APPLIANCE REPAIR: Repairs on your appliances. Sales on rebuilt machines. I'll even haul away your old machines. Call 228-332-1073.

PERSONAL FITNESS AND TRAINING: To lose weight or build your body the healthy way. 228-669-0375.

PRIORITY 1 CLEAN SWEEP: Let us take care of all your cleaning needs. Commercial, residential, interior, exterior. Reasonable rates, 466-0255.

STUMPS-(R)-US: STUMP GRINDING. Free estimates. Best prices. (228)466-0625 or (228)332-0530.

WASH GRAVEL \$15.50/PER YARD: pea gravel \$10.50/yard; limestone \$23.50/yard; fill dirt \$4.25/yard; top soil \$10.00/yard; fill sand \$5.00/yard etc. 493-3358 or 255-1106.

58 Lawn & Garden

A CALL TO CHARLIE'S LAWN & yard service for free estimates. Grass cutting, weed eating, trash hauling, etc. Call anytime. (228) 467-1577 or (228) 467-4266.

ARNONA'S LAWN CARE
Licensed & Insured

Grass cutting-Trimming-Edging-Tilling
Gardens-Flower Beds-Hedge Trimming
Gutter Cleaning-Tree & Limb Removal
Fertilizing-pressure Washing-Winterizing

228-58-1386 Home 228-323-1956 Office

B & B LAWN SERVICE, FREE Estimates. References. 228-586-1210 or cell 228-216-0756.

D&R LANDSCAPING: Landscaping, Shrubs, Tree trimming, ect. Also: Irrigation, Pressure washing 20% Senior Citizen Discount Call 467-1585.

FLOWER BEDS CLEANED & READY for planting. Call Faye at 467-9544.

LAWNCARE, BEST PRICES around, quality work, 20 years in business, insured. Bay-Waveland, Diamondhead areas. Limited openings. Call Mike, 467-4491 leave message.

LET STAN DO IT! THE RELIABILITY man: Lawn mowed/trimmed by a professional hand. Free estimates of course. 463-0362 or 380-1527.

RELIABLE LAWN SERVICE: Yards cut, trimmed. References and free estimates. Call 469-0440.

THINK GREEN LAWN CARE: affordable. Free estimates. 467-4962 or 342-1066. We also clean gutters & pressure wash.

WORKING FOR COLLEGE Tuition. Cut lawns, reasonable rates. 463-1195 or 695-0019 or 493-0903.

STRANDZ SALON IS NOW HIRING Nail Tech, and Hairdresser Call 467-7764 ask for Brenda.

TRAINER/COACH, ENERGETIC, good with people. Part or full time. Training provided. 800-242-0363 ext. 1844.

VINYL SIDING CREWS NEEDED: Must have workman comp. and equipment. Job in Columbus, MS area. We provide living quarters. Incentive \$40. per square. 228-343-1152 ask for Hubert Kelly.

66 Child Care

INFANT CARE IN MY B.S.L., smoke free home. Loving care. 467-3440. Call Small Blessings for references at 463-0640.

73 Help Wanted

\$250 - \$500 WK WILL TRAIN TO work at home. Help the U.S. Government file HUD/FHA Mortgage refunds. No experience necessary. Call 1-800-778-0353.

Hudson's Treasure Hunt**Assistant Manager**

Numerous Opportunities available along the Gulf Coast

(Management Experience required, Retail experience preferred.)

Interested applicants please join us at our JOB FAIR to be held at

Holiday Inn
Long Beach Room
9415 Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS

Friday, June 20

10am-3pm

Benefits:

Management incentive BONUSES

401(k) Plan

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2 females
Call 342-0222
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467-5843

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93 Yard Sale

SATURDAY JUNE 21, 106 ANDRE
Ct., Spanish Acres. 8:00 a.m. till 1:00
p.m.

96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, Tools,
dolls, furniture. One piece or house
full. Call 467-2628 days.

CASH FOR UNWANTED ITEMS
before garage sale, moving, estate
disposal or cleaning out. Buying bric
brac, household tools, tools, antiques,
sheds/garage items. Wood furniture
etc. Call 467-4857 if we can help you
out. Also cleaning out sheds/garages
for cash/contents. All messages re
turned promptly.

WE BUY OLD WATCHES, WRIST,
& pocket rings, gold, estate
pieces. \$5 Cash\$. Bayou Jewelers.
466-0425.

128 Boats & Motors

17' WELL CRAFT BOW RIDER,
galvanized trailer, elec. wrench + ex
tras. One owner. \$4500. 466-4523.

27 FT. FIBER GLASS 600 DIESEL,
make offer. 467-7595.

DELUXE WAVE RUNNER, Tiger
Shark Montego. Cover, accessories,
trailer. Seldom used. \$2000. Contact
Lloyd Perret, 850-492-2492 or
1perret@cox.net

SKIFF FOR SALE! Ready to fish!
23' Jefferson Lafitte Skiff, 350
Marine plus engine, nets & GPS,
Tandem trailer, \$10,000. Call 228
467-6421.

130 Motorcycles

93 YAMAHA VIRAGO 11CC MANY
Extras \$3,200 466-0995.

133 Auto Parts/Service

RADIATOR FOR A 2000 MUSTANG
standard transmission, \$75.00 Call
469-9377.

136 Automobiles

1985 CHEVY SUBURBAN, 3/4 ton,
4x4, \$2700. 467-7595.

1991 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER
ONE owner, new tires, leather, looks
& runs great. \$3,000 255-3477.

2000 VOLKSWAGEN CABRIO GLS
convertible. Excellent condition,
leather seats, low mileage, one owner.
\$13,500 467-1504.

95 JEEP CHEROKEE, 175,000 high
way miles, straight 6, gets excellent
mileage, very dependable. \$3900.
negotiable. 469-0325.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold 30
days after the first publication:

1994 FORD ESCORT
VIN#1FAPR14J1RW146032

Lonnies Tire & Auto
16480 Hwy. 603
Kiln, MS 39556
228-255-6090

6/5; 6/12; 6/19/03

FOR SALE: '79 MG PARTS CAR,
\$500. Call 469-0325.

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS,
Picayune, has the best Special
Finance division in our area. 6 major
lenders set up to help. 2000 Chevy
Impala, \$219 a month, ask for Spe
cial Finance. 1-800-798-9133.

138 Trucks, Vans

2000 CHEVY 1500 V6, LOW MILES,
great condition \$11,500. 467-0133
467-6670.

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS
Picayune, has the best Special
Finance division in our area. 6 major
lenders set up to help. 99 Ford
F-150, full-size, low miles, clean,
\$229 a month, ask for Special
Finance. 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

All real estate advertised herein is
subject to the Federal Fair Housing
Act, which makes it illegal to adver
ise any preference, limitation, or
discrimination based on race, color,
religion, sex, handicap, familial sta
tus, or national origin, or intention
to make any such preference, limita
tion, or discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any
advertising for real estate which is
in violation of the law. All persons
are hereby informed that all dwell
ings advertised are available on an
equal opportunity basis."

146 Rooms For Rent

SPACIOUS A/C GUESTROOM at
Carroll House in B.S.L. TV, phone,
fridge, extras. \$325. Available now.
467-6713.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC.
Carpet, stove, refrigerator, water
included. 100' Blaize Ave., BSL.
\$350/month, \$300/deposit. Pet/free.
Lease required. Call 463-0043.

147 Apartments For Rent

1BR COTTAGE 141-1/2 MARKET
St., Waveland. \$300 per month, plus
two great running a/c's. Also
covered front/deck must be moved
immediately. Will sell front deck sepa
rately. \$1,000 our best offer. Will
trade for a car or truck of equal val
ue. 255-5420.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT down
stairs, Shoreline Park, pet-free, \$350
monthly/weekly, \$250 deposit. 228
493-6278 leave message.

2 BEDROOM SPECIAL \$350.00
Limited time only. Signature Lake
Apartments 452-9901.

2BDRM, APT 900 PLUS SQ. FT. Pet
free. Call 467-5329.

The Waverly Apartments

NOW LEASING
Brand New!!
1, 2 & 3 BR's.

(228) 463-2635

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

1974 12x65 2/BEDROOM, 1/BATH,
with two great running a/c's. Also
covered front/deck must be moved
immediately. Will sell front deck sepa
rately. \$1,000 our best offer. Will
trade for a car or truck of equal val
ue. 255-5420.

1974 16x80 MH 3BD 2BA Covered
front porch, back deck, garden tub,
good condition. \$18,000. 467-9958.

MORTON AVE., P.C. LIKE NEW,
3br/2ba trailer home. Lovely yard,
front & back porches. Jez Real
Estate, 467-7142 or 617-3039.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1/2 MILE FROM BEACH OFF Lake
shore Rd. Small 2Br/1Ba, living
room, large den, fenced back yard,
central a/c. Annual lease, \$500/mo.
plus deposit, pet free. 601-798-5720.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE CENTRAL
A/C pet free \$500/mth, \$500/dep. 1 yr
lease. Kelvin J. Schulz, 467-6501.

3 BDRM BRICK HOUSE CENTRAL
h/a, real nice, \$750. mo. \$500. dam
age deposit, pet free. Call 493-4986

3BR-FULL BATHS, FENCED
yard, close to beach, all electric,
pet/smoke free. \$750/month
\$750/deposit (352)394-4782.

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA, new
construction, 168 & 172 Felicity,
\$775.; 803 Spanish Acres Dr.
3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen
St. Townhome. 3BR/2/1/2BA \$850.
Call Chaff at McIntyre Rapp Real
Estate, 467-3777.

100% OWNER FINANCING. White
Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from
1 acre to 30 acres, waterfront availa
ble. Mobile homes allowed in certain
areas, and great fishing. Ten miles
east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty
miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255
1790.

2.5 ACRES ON WATER, \$35,000,
financing available, \$2000 down,
\$313.28 per month. Call Herb
owner/agent. Coldwell Banker Alfonso
Realty. (228)493-5095 or 467-1374.

FOR SALE \$16,400 LOTS ON
Whale, on water, off 603 & Central
near Jordan River. Will owner
finance with \$3,000 down &
\$140/month. Call at 323-8936.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

2BR/2/1/2BA, HIGHPOINT Dia
mondhead, pool view, fully furnished.
\$650/month plus utilities, pet free.
228-497-4787 or 228-369-9681.

152 Lots/Acreage

100% OWNER FINANCING. White
Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from
1 acre to 30 acres, waterfront availa
ble. Mobile homes allowed in certain
areas, and great fishing. Ten miles
east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty
miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255
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153 Commercial Property

1200 SQ.FT. PROFESSIONAL
Building for lease. \$800/month. 586
2344.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE availa
ble. Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms.
Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228
883-8554.

OFFICE SPACE DNTN BSL NEAR
Courthouse- 1/2 block to beach.
Small cottage available in July \$600
plus utility and deposit. Call for info
466-4361

154 Commercial Property

PRUDENTIAL GARDNER: Excellent
office location, 1015 Hwy. 90, 2 units
available. Close to Hancock Medical
Center. Terms negotiable. Call for
info/appointment. 467-1602.

155 Houses For Sale

BELOW APPRAISAL, in rare find, 4
bedroom, 3 bath, pool, pool
house/apt. Lg. lot w/circle drive, new
interior. 2700 sq.ft. total. 205 7th St.
Will look at all reasonable offers.
216-5701 or 452-0949.

156 Houses For Sale

DESIRABLE LOCATION, B.S.L.
Large brick on corner lot, 3Br/2Ba,
large living area, fireplace, plus huge
bonus room. All new interior, carpet,
ceramic tile, paint, etc. Below market
value at \$129,500. 400 7th St. at
Turner. Call owner 216-5701 or 452-
0949.

157 Houses For Sale

FOR SALE \$108,000 AT 4043 Bar
racuda St. 1,280 sq.ft. 2/2 on water
w/double lot near Jordan River, will
owner finance with \$4,000 down &
\$875/month. Call Rodney at 323-
8936 or 466-5205.

158 Houses For Sale

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR
PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay
all closing cost. Agents protected.
O/A. (504)908-7653.

HENLEY TIMBER COMPANY

We would like to buy your logs, poles,
pulpwood and hardwood timber.

Small tracts or large tracts
255-3082

COLDWELL BANKER ALFONSO

Large Home on Approx. 1 Acre in Clermont
Harbor! 3 Bed/2 Bath home that needs some TLC
but has great potential, 2 bed/2 bath, trailer included
plus large workshop and fenced lot. \$79,000

Well Built Brick Home! 4 bed/ 2 bath home with
approx. 1800 sq. ft. of living area on a quiet street in
the Heart of Bay St. Louis. Large kitchen, formal
living & dining, Den, Carport, Perfect for your large
family. Reduced to \$119,000.

Walk to the Beach from this Historic Older Home on
Carroll Avenue! 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, Hardwood/Ceramic
Flooring, Renovated Kitchen/Dining Area, Porch,
Workshop, plus much more. \$205,000.

Margie Mayfield, Realtor, GRI
640 Highway 90, Waveland, MS, 39576.
(228) 467-0244 or (22

4 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU!

Diamondhead
Supermarket
255-3430

Diamondhead Plaza, Diamondhead
Sun - Thurs 7:00 am-9:00 pm
Fri & Sat 7:00 am-10:00 pm

choice
Supermarket

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES AND TO
CORRECT ALL TYPOGRAPHICAL AND PICTORIAL ERRORS.
NO SALES TO DEALERS OR STORES.



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Debit Card

Long Beach
214-9716
200 W. Railroad St.
Sun - Thurs 7:00 am-9:00 pm
Fri & Sat 7:00 am-10:00 pm

Gulfport
594-0265
Hardy Court • Gulfport
Sun - Sat 7:00 am-10:00 pm

Sale prices good
June 18 - June 24, 2003

**WAVELAND
MARKET CENTER**

463-0544

Waveland Shopping Center, Waveland
Sun - Thurs 7:00 am-9:00 pm
Fri & Sat 7:00 am-10:00 pm

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POWER BUYS YOU DON'T NEED A CARD FOR.



6 pack 12 oz cans



88¢



No sales to dealers.
Limit 4 @ this price
w/ \$10.00 additional purchase.
Others @ \$1.50 per 6 pack



MEAT CUT FRESH DAILY! NO SOLUTIONS ADDED TO ENHANCE OUR MEATS!



USDA Fresh Fryer
Leg Quarters
10 LB Bag

28¢
LB

Boston Butt
Pork Roast
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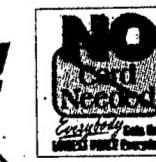
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CHECK STORE FOR MANY MORE SUPER BUYS EVERYDAY!



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Bacon
98¢
12 oz



US #1
Russet
Potatoes
5 lb bag
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Vegetable
Oil
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2.98



Assorted Flavors
Blue Bell
Ice Cream
1/2 gal
2.98

THANK-YOU FOR MAKING US YOUR CHOICE TO SHOP.